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CITY HALL CLERKS AND POLICE CHAUFFEURS GET MORE PAY

It became known at city hall this morning that several clerks in the building had received a substantial Christmas present in the form of a salary increase. Commissioner William J. Duncan being the Santa Claus in all cases but three, which came under the mayor's department. These salary increases will go into effect the first of the year.

J. Hector Lavalley in the treasurer's office received a salary increase from \$1050 to \$1150 a year; Walter H. Bruce in the supply department from \$939 to \$1095.50; Miss Mary McPherson in the treasurer's office, from \$800 to \$1000; James J. Dunfee in the auditor's office, from \$1400 to \$1450; Miss Mary H. Downey in the supplies department from \$10.50 to \$11.00 a week, and James J. Redmond in the office of registrars of voters, from \$2.50 to \$3.00 a day.

The salaries of the three police chauffeurs were raised by Mayor O'Donnell from \$16.50 to \$18.00 a week, and the men who will receive this increase are Leo Hoban, Carl Noyes, and Fred Cotto. There were rumors of other expected increases in the various departments.

Park Department
The park department had six men out at Shedd park today flooding the

skating area in anticipation of freezing weather and good skating for Sunday and Christmas. The suggestion that a polling booth with a stove be set up as a shelter was being carried out and this will be left at the park until late in February.

The members of the park commission have been invited to attend an international forestry conference in Washington, January 18 and 19, 1917. The two main topics to be discussed are the elimination of the white pine blister and the possible imposition of a federal quarantine against the importation of foreign tree and plant stock.

Will Consider Cost
The engineers of the Locks and Canals corporation have had a conference with the mayor and city solicitor relative to the request of the mayor that the corporation stand a certain portion of the cost of carrying the new Pawtucket bridge, a complete list of items has been furnished the engineers and the matter is to be taken up at a meeting of the directors during the coming week.

Chauffeurs
Twenty applicants for chauffeur's licenses were examined at city hall today by Messrs. Hubbell and Haley.

ENTENTE DIPLOMATS TO ADVISE FRIENDLY REPLY TO NOTE

Pres. Wilson Looks for Frank Answer From the Belligerents—Ambassador Sharp Hands Note to Premier Briand—Berlin Receives Appeal—No Statement From England—Thou- sands Congratulate Pres. Wilson

PARIS, Dec. 22, 3 p. m.—William Graves Sharp, the American ambassador to France, delivered personally to Premier Briand between 7 and 8 o'clock last night Secretary of State Lansing's note to the belligerent nations. Paris newspapers this evening print the note textually.

TO ENDORSE WILSON'S NOTE
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A resolution to have the house endorse President Wilson's peace notes was introduced today by Representative Bailey of Pennsylvania.

Senator Hitchcock made another futile effort to get consideration of a similar resolution in the senate. He introduced a resolution similar to that referred yesterday to the foreign re-

lationship committee but Senator Gallinger, the republican leader, blocked its immediate consideration by asking that it go over a day under the rule. Senator Hitchcock then announced that he would seek action on the resolution immediately after the holiday adjournment.

ADVISE FRIENDLY REPLY
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—With the purposes of President Wilson's note to belligerents clarified by official statements on the subject, the attention of the United States has turned to the reception of the note in the foreign capitals.

Diplomats here are eagerly watching for indications of whether the European neutrals will follow the lead

of the United States and make a similar appeal to the warring powers. There is growing feeling that the United States hopes to become the clearing house for views and possibly for terms of the belligerents. Several of the diplomats have advised their governments to that effect in order to guide them in their replies.

There was a pronounced significance of the president's move was expressed on all sides, where it was pointed out that at first the opinion prevailed that the note itself was merely a "feeler" and that the utmost immediately contemplated in issuing it was the receipt of some sort of definition from the various warring nations. That the president should let

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PARLIAMENT PROROGUED NO ACTION ON NOTE

LONDON, Dec. 22, 2:14 p. m.—Parliament was prorogued this afternoon without the members being given any further information regarding President Wilson's note or what action the government contemplated with respect to it.

The speech from the throne was one of the briefest on record. It expressed confidence in the ultimate victory of the allies and determination to prosecute the war "until we have vindicated the rights so ruthlessly

violated by our enemies and established the security of Europe on a sure foundation."

Neither President Wilson's note nor the German peace proposals was mentioned in the king's speech, read in both houses. The only reference to the president's suggestion was made by Andrew Bonar Law, the government leader, in a reply to a question by Sir William Pollard Byler, a pacifist member, Mr. Law declaring that the question was one which could not be dealt with except in communication with the allies.

BOYS FINED FOR DISTURBANCE IN THEATRE

The juvenile session of police court held the attention of Judge Enright during the greater part of this forenoon, and it was after 11:30 o'clock when the regular court was opened for the transaction of a comparatively small amount of business.

As a result of complaints made to the police recently about disturbances in the galleries of local theatres, Patrolman O'Hall was sent to the Lowell Opera House last Sunday evening, in plain clothes in an effort to apprehend the leaders of the disturbance. He arrested

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FIVE LIVES LOST MASONIC HOME DESTROYED

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 22.—At least five persons are believed to have lost their lives and several are suffering from injuries as the result of a fire that destroyed the main building of the Kansas Masonic home here early today.

In addition scores of old men and women and children suffered from the effects of smoke or from exposure in a temperature of 8 above zero.

Two bodies, so burned that identification seemed impossible, were taken from the ruins before noon.

The home was the property of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Kansas. The chapel, valued at \$10,000 and the hospital valued at \$20,000 were the only buildings saved. The loss was estimated at \$250,000. The fire started in the boiler room and had gained great headway before being discovered.

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VILLA FOLLOWERS KILL FIFTY CARRANZISTAS

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 22.—Fifty constitutional soldiers constituting a garrison at Boca, near San Luis Potosi, were attacked by Villa followers Sunday and annihilated, according to information considered reliable reaching the border yesterday.

Passengers reaching here today reported that Villa soldiers last Sunday raided San Pedro de las Colonias, near Torreon, and massacred many natives. Three carloads of refugees from Parral, who came north from Torreon, got out of San Pedro only an hour before the attack.

In the party that left Parral were said to be 50 Chinese, several Arabs, two Germans and four Americans. The Americans had been in hiding 32 hours during Villa's occupation of Parral.

WIRELESS FOR PORTO RICO

Daniels Asks Congress for \$400,000 for High-Power Plant for Naval Purposes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Secretary Daniels asked congress yesterday for \$400,000 for a high power wireless station in Porto Rico.

Mr. Daniels said the island is of extreme strategic importance, in connection with the fleet operations, due to its location, and with a protected high power wireless station communication would be insured with the fleet with Europe and with South America, to a greater degree than by any other means.

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GERMANY READY TO SUBMIT HER PEACE TERMS

LONDON, Dec. 22, 1:50 p. m.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from The Hague says it is announced semi-officially that should the entente allies in their reply to the peace proposals of the central powers leave the door open for negotiations, Germany will make known her chief peace terms immediately.

The German newspapers which contain the announcement declare that the speeches of Premier Lloyd George and Premier Briand do not contain a single word which justifies the supposition that the answer of the entente powers will deliberately reject Germany's peace offer and that, therefore, the German government will define its attitude after receipt of the reply of the entente allies.

RUSSIA REJECTS NOTE

PETROGRAD, Dec. 21, via London, Dec. 22.—Since the text of the German peace proposal transmitted through the American embassy to the Russian foreign office is identical with the declaration already received unofficially through the press, the Russian government, the Associated Press is informed, considers that the offer of the central powers has already been adequately answered. The official reply in conjunction with Russia's allies, will be made purely as a matter of form and will contain no new point. It is stated that it will embody official sentiment heretofore expressed and will emphatically reject the proposal on the ground that its vagueness and lack of sincerity, as so regarded by the Russian government, do not permit of its serious consideration.

VERWAERTS DISAPPOINTED

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 22.—The Vorwarts, which was one of the first newspapers in Germany to talk of peace, expresses deep disappointment over the speech of Premier David Lloyd George. The paper cites passages from the speech which it claims the only logical inference is that, firstly, the entente refuses to make peace until it can do so upon the ruins of Germany's military power; secondly, the entente because Germany breaks treaties will make no treaty with Germany at all but will treat her as a conquered nation; and thirdly, that Germany must swallow the entente's terms which have been before Lloyd George will consent to negotiate.

"The whole tenor of the speech," says the Vorwarts, "shows that Lloyd George uses the absence of terms in Germany's new as a mere pretext whereas the real reason for his refusal of our offer is that Germany wants to negotiate rather than to surrender unconditionally."

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BOUYANT RECOVERIES AT MARKET OPENING

CAUSED HURRIED COVERING OF
SHORT COMMITMENTS AND A
STRONG TONE IN FORENOON

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Bouyant recoveries of from 3 to over 10 points at the opening of today's stock market, prompted by the over-night developments in the peace situation, caused a hurried covering of short commitments and a strong tone throughout the forenoon session.

There was a pronounced change of sentiment in all quarters, attributed in a measure to a clearer view of the intent of President Wilson's note to the belligerent powers and to Secretary Lansing's second explanatory statement, published after the close of the market yesterday.

The wedding out of numerous weak accounts yesterday was another factor of importance contributing to a stronger technical position in the market today.

George's speech, proroguing parliament also was an influence, apparently, toward higher prices.

The volume of trading was, moreover, materially diminished. Transactions during the first hour amounted to 650,000 shares and, although they reached a total of 1,200,000 by 12:30 o'clock this total did not equal the trading of yesterday during the same period. Compared with that frenzied session the market resembled a calm after a storm.

The rise today was materially assisted by the sale of substantial buying that always makes its appearance after a period of long depression. This was seen in the steady accumulation of investment issues, particularly rails.

Banking interests regarded today's movement as a logical reaction from the recent market excesses and continued to urge caution reinforcing this attitude by further discrimination against stocks of shifting value.

Wheat Recovers

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Wheat today opened nervous and irregular with prices from 14 of a cent under to 13c

C. Y. M. L.

The members of the C.Y.M.L. will receive communion in a body at the 7 o'clock mass Sunday, Dec. 24. Breakfast will be served in the rooms after which the regular election of the board of directors will be held. Per order,

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NEW BRITISH DRIVE ON BAGDAD; EL ARISH, EGYPT, CAPTURED

While wintry weather is causing military operations on most of the fighting fronts to lack features of interest, considerable activity is developing in sectors far enough south to admit of energetic campaigning.

To Resume March on Bagdad

On the Tigris the British, after a long period of quiet, have recently pushed forward close to Kut-el-Amara on the south and are continuing to attack the Turkish forces in that region, evidently in the hope of resuming their long delayed march toward Bagdad.

British Capture El Arish

Now another field of activity is demanding attention with today's announcement from London that British forces have captured El Arish, in Egypt, on the Mediterranean, 80 miles east of the Suez canal.

Important Success For Allies

Little has been heard from the Egyptian operations for some time, but the British are known to have been making somewhat elaborate preparations to protect the canal region from further incursions such as that of last summer and their defensive lines have been pushed far out on the Sinai peninsula. Apparently there has been a recent effort still further to extend the defensive zone.

El Arish Previously Attacked

The taking of El Arish establishes British front at this point well toward the border of Palestine and marks the farthest eastward penetration

tion by British forces in this area since the Turkish raids began.

El Arish has been the object previously of the attacks by British aviators and warships and last May a combined naval and air raid on the place was reported to have destroyed the fortifications.

On Franco-Belgian Front

On the Franco-Belgian front the artillery is the only arm of the service that is displaying activity of moment and even the bombardments, such as those reported in the Somme and Verdun regions, are not of pronounced intensity.

King George Confident of Victory

The British parliament was prorogued today for the holiday period. King George, in the speech from the throne gave expression to confidence in the ultimate victory of the entente and stated a determination on its part to continue the war until the "security of Europe" was established "on a sure foundation."

EL ARISH, FORTIFIED TOWN OF EGYPT, CAPTURED BY BRITISH

LONDON, Dec. 22.—El Arish, 80 miles east of the Suez canal, was captured yesterday by the British.

El Arish is a fortified town of Egypt on the Mediterranean near the frontier of Palestine. It is a town of less than 20,000 population in territory which had been held by the Turks since the time of their invasion of Egypt and unsuccessful attack on the Suez canal.

BIG FIRE NEAR QUEBEC; NUN PERISHED

QUEBEC, Dec. 22.—Fire today destroyed the Roman Catholic cathedral, the convent of the French nuns and the bishop's palace, at Clarke City, Seven Islands. One of the nuns lost her life.

A gasoline lamp explosion was held responsible for the blaze.

HEAVY RAIN FELL CHANG- ING SNOW TO SLUSH

There was a sudden change from runners to wheels today in the downtown streets after the heavy rain had transformed the snow into slush. Heavy express trucks laden with packages got stuck and it was necessary to send out wagons and transfer the loads. The rain fell in torrents especially around the noon hour and the snow disappeared from the streets at a remarkable rate. The traveling was very hard for horses and autos skidded dangerously. The walking was also very bad, slush covering the sidewalks and crossings several inches deep.

IN BOSTON
The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

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Who have not yet selected all their Christmas gifts will find many helpful suggestions in the advertisements displayed in today's editions of
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RUBBERS
In 1823 a Boston sea-captain coming from South American ports brought with him a pair of rubbers which excited great interest. In 1825 five hundred pairs of rubbers made by the natives along the Amazon were brought into Boston and sold readily for \$3.00 to \$5.00 per pair for it was found they were a protection against dampness. A little later Goodyear found the secret of vulcanization and rubbers were reduced in price.
Winter is coming with snow and rain and Chalifoux offers you rubbers and rubber boots at reasonable prices.

Written by Alice L. Fouchard of the Lowell High School Commercial Dept.
One More Shopping Day Before Christmas.

Sold in 2 and 5 lb carton
packed at the refinery

PEACE NOW, WAR IN VAIN SAYS BONAR LAW

LONDON, Dec. 22.—There was further discussion of Germany's peace offer in the house of commons last night. Sir John A. Simon, on behalf of himself and a group of followers, gave unqualified support to Premier Lloyd George's speech in the house of commons and then, Hastings, P. L. Smith, liberal member for Northampton, in military uniform, sounded a new note—urging that the German proposals be allowed to see the light of day.

Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer and member of the war council, promptly rose in behalf of the government and declared that if the tone of Mr. Smith's speech permeated the country, then all the blood and treasure which had been spent in the war would have been spent in vain.

"My understanding," is that the reply of the premier to the German note was to the effect that the door was not yet closed. That is a wise answer and the best possible answer at this stage.

The German proposals should be allowed to see the light of day. If they disclose an aggressive purpose, then the German people will realize that they are not suffering and dying for their mere existence, as they have been told. . . . If it were put to a vote of the men at the front, what would we do? We could obtain guarantees that our honorable obligations would be fulfilled—we should then make a serious effort to get the parties together, then I am certain such a proposition would be carried by virtual unanimity.

"I am not prepared to face the prospects of a military decision, which means a war of attrition, unless I am convinced there is no other way out. I believe in the security scheme by which the nations agree together each to guarantee all and all guarantee each. An attempt to overthrow the Empire down by a military decision, followed by economic strangulation, would mean carrying forward into peace all hostilities and hatreds of the war. It would divide Europe into two hostile camps and would make war more inevitable and deadly than ever, and would fasten conscription and militarism forever on all nations."

Bonar Law said: "If the spirit of the speech to which we have just listened were to permeate the country, I believe that all the blood and treasure which have been spent in the war would have been spent in vain.

"It is all very well to say, 'Let us get their terms of peace.' Yes, but

can you get any terms more binding than the treaty for the protection of the neutrality of Belgium? Can you come to any conclusion on paper or by promises that will give us greater security than we had before this war? "Not this nation alone, but the neutral nations will I hope understand the position at which we have now arrived. Germany has made peace proposals? On what basis? On the basis of her victorious armies. Is there a man who, considering the conditions under which this was forced on us and the conditions under which the war has been carried on, honestly believe that the dangers and insecurities from which we have suffered can be cured in any way than but by making the Germans realize that frightfulness does not pay, that militarism is not going to rule the world.

"What are we fighting for? Not territory, not greater strength as a nation. We are fighting for two things—for peace now and for security for peace in time to come. Let the house remember that what has happened in this war is an outrage in Belgium, outrages by sea and land, massacres in Armenia which Germany could have stopped by a word—then realize this: The war will have been fought in vain, utterly in vain, unless we can make sure that it shall never again be in the power of any state to do what Germany has done."

"If peace to come in this war on the basis that the greatest crime in the world's history is to go absolutely unpunished? It is my firm belief that unless all the nations in the world can be made to realize that these moral forces must be victorious, there never can be an enduring peace.

"I am not afraid. I am sure our troops will fight to the end. If the people at home, who up to now have made few sacrifices, except the sacrifice of those dear to them, are determined in this matter, and if they believe that the objects for which they are fighting can be secured, then there is no sacrifice we are not prepared to make."

Noel E. Buxton, liberal member of North Norfolk, expressed the hope that "the government will welcome the aid of America in negotiating the terms of peace."

Mr. Buxton paid tribute to the generosity of the United States toward Belgium and to the help it had given the entente in the war, and said: "There are 30,000 Americans fighting for us; America is with us in the war because of the invasion of Belgium and the German campaign of frightfulness."

outbound car and six on the inbound car. All were thrown from their seats. Mrs. Josephine Whiting, 20, living at 1 Romney street, and Mrs. Theresa Rogers, 21, living at 21 Hanover street, Dorchester, both claimed to be injured and were sent to their homes in an automobile provided by the Elevated.

At 5:30 trolley car 614 struck car 644 at Fenby square, Ashmont. There were no passengers in either car.

At 5:45 Cornelius Burnane was found with a fracture of both bones of the right leg on the sidewalk in front of 117 Greenport st. Glover's corner. He claimed to have been struck by a trolley car at Uphams corner and said he limped over the road to the point where he fell exhausted. Burnane lives at 66 Greenwich street, Fields Corner, and was taken to the City hospital in the station 11 ambulance.

Her Engagement Ring is at Ricard's.

\$2,500,000 PLEDGED FOR AID OF THE JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Nearly \$2,500,000 for the relief of Jewish war sufferers in Europe was pledged at a great mass meeting in Carnegie hall last night. Jacob H. Schiff of this city and Julius S. Rosenwald of Chicago headed the list with \$100,000 each. A total of \$250,975 was subscribed by 40 persons.

The meeting was the first step in a campaign undertaken by the American Jewish Central committee and the People's Relief committee to realize \$10,000,000 for war relief measures in 1917. The subscription received last night came not only from New York, but from all parts of the country.

Thousands of Jews who had not been supplied with tickets surrounded the hall before the doors opened. Rich and poor, old and young, struggled for admission. Prosperous business men rubbed shoulders with struggling immigrants who had brought their families to learn what they could do to aid the homeless and starving in war-torn Europe. Women and girls who had been in the army and stores went to the future not only of this young country, but of the world.

The floor of the hall and the stage were filled early by representative Jews and their sympathizers in the fund campaign.

IRISH PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED BY ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The government has decided to release the Irish prisoners who were interned after the rebellion in Ireland, Henry E. Duke, chief secretary for Ireland, announced in the house of commons yesterday.

"The time has come when the advantages of releasing these men far out weigh the risk and I have so advised the government. Steps therefore were taken today to proceed, with the least possible delay, to return the interned prisoners to their homes."

According to the statement of the secretary for home affairs in the house of commons last October, there were 376 Irishmen interned in connection with the recent rebellion.

THREE ACCIDENTS IN DORCHESTER IN HOUR

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—There were three accidents in Dorchester last night within an hour. Seven persons were injured and two street cars badly damaged. The most serious accident occurred at E. 10 on Norfolk street at Dorchester street, when an outbound car in charge of Albert J. McDonald crashed into the inbound Essex street car in charge of Charles J. Kelly. McDonald said his brakes refused to work.

Stationman Buff, 28, single, living at 22 Armadine street, Dorchester, was taken to the City hospital in the ambulance. He was injured in the accident. Kelly, riding in the vestibule of the inbound car, were shaken up and cut. Moore going to the City hospital.

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Gifts for the Elderly Men

Morris Chairs.....	\$10.25 to \$28.00
Slippers.....	.49c to \$2.00
Neckties.....	.25c to \$2.00
Gloves.....	.50c to \$5.00
Scarfs.....	.50c to \$5.00
Handkerchiefs.....	.5c to 50c
Thermos Bottles.....	\$1.19 to \$3.75
Smoking Jackets.....	\$5.00 to \$8.00
Bill Books.....	.50c to \$3.50
Razors.....	.39c up
Lounging Robes.....	\$3.00 to \$9.00
Aulo Robes.....	\$6.75
Flash Lights.....	.49c to \$2.25
Smokers' Stands.....	\$1.75 to \$15.00

Gifts for the Elderly Women

Rockers.....	\$4.50 to \$9.95
Felt Slippers.....	.49c to 98c
Cedar Chests.....	\$11.00 to \$20.00
Set of Furs.....	\$19.75 to \$65.00
Neckwear.....	.25c to \$3.00
Kimonos.....	.98c to \$5.98
Gloves.....	\$1.15 to \$2.50
Beaded Bags.....	.75c to 98c
Wool Vests.....	.75c to 98c
Electric Reading Lamps.....	\$3.98 to \$20.00
Stationery.....	.25c to \$3.98
Lace Curtains.....	All Prices
Aprons.....	.25c to \$1.49

Gifts for the Little Girl

Pianos.....	
Teddy Bears.....	.25c to \$2.98
Hair Bow Ribbon.....	
Coin Purses.....	.25c and 50c
Bath Robes.....	.98c to \$1.98
Sweaters.....	
Doll Carriages.....	.50c to \$10.00
Character Dolls.....	.25c to \$1.50
Felt Slippers.....	.39c to \$1.00
Mittens.....	.12 1/2c to \$1.15
Skates.....	\$1.49 and \$1.75
Fur Sets.....	\$1.25 to \$12.50
Coats.....	All Prices
Scarf and Cap Sets.....	.50c to \$2.00

Gifts for the Average Men

Mackinaws.....	\$5.00 to \$9.00
Cuff Links.....	.25c to \$4.98
Suspenders.....	.25c and 50c
Neckwear.....	.25c to \$2.00
Hosiery.....	.12 1/2c to \$1.00
Pajamas.....	\$1.00 and \$1.50
Reading Lamps.....	\$3.98 to \$20.00
Slippers.....	.49c to \$2.00
Sweaters.....	\$1.00 to \$7.00
Scarfs.....	.50c to \$5.00
Shirts.....	.50c to \$4.00
Military Brushes.....	.98c to \$2.98
Traveling Bags.....	\$2.39 to \$14.00
Umbrellas.....	.69c to \$3.50

Gifts for the Average Women

China Closets.....	\$15.00 to \$40.00
Waists.....	.98c to \$7.50
Corset Covers.....	.25c to \$1.98
Gloves.....	\$1.15 to \$4.50
Handkerchiefs.....	.5c to 50c
Silk Petticoats.....	\$1.98 to \$5.00
Phone Tables.....	\$5.95 to \$9.00
Hosiery.....	.25c to \$1.50
Umbrellas.....	.69c to \$3.50
Rugs.....	All Prices
Bath Robes.....	\$1.98 to \$5.98
Embroidered Gowns.....	All Prices
Sweaters.....	.98c to \$7.50
Table Cloths.....	All Prices

Gifts for the Little Boys

Flash Lights.....	.49c to \$2.25
Gloves.....	.65c to \$1.25
Sweaters.....	\$1.00 to \$3.00
Erectors.....	\$1.00 to \$10.00
Tool Chests.....	\$1.98 to \$3.75
Rocking Horses.....	
Skates.....	.49c, 89c, \$1.49
Footballs.....	\$1.00 to \$2.25
Drums.....	.25c to \$3.98
Blocks.....	.25c to 50c
Mechanical Toys.....	.75c to \$5.50
Shirts.....	.50c and 75c
Games.....	.25c to \$2.50
Sleds.....	.75c up

Gifts for Young Men

Reading Lamps.....	\$3.98 to \$20
Student Bags.....	\$1.15 to \$5.00
Smoking Jackets.....	\$5.00 to \$8.00
Neckwear.....	.25c to \$2.00
Pairs of Skates.....	.49c, 89c, \$1.49
Toilet Cases, rubber lined.....	.50c to \$1.98
Pajamas.....	\$1.00 and \$1.50
Safety Razors.....	.59c to \$3.75
Sweaters.....	\$1.00 to \$7.00
Bath Robes.....	\$3.00 to \$9.00
Sheep Lined Coats.....	\$4.50 to \$8.50
Mufflers.....	\$3.00 to \$5.00
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Gifts for Young Ladies

Music Cabinets.....	\$8.95 to \$17.95
Stationery.....	.25c to \$3.98
Ivory Novelties.....	.25c to \$5.50
Manicure Sets.....	\$2.50 and \$3.00
Jewel Cases.....	.25c to \$3.00
Perfume.....	.25c to \$5.00
Silk Sweaters.....	\$3.98 to \$7.50
Gloves.....	\$1.15 to \$4.50
Music Bags.....	\$1.98 to \$4.98
Waists.....	.98c to \$7.50
Boudoir Caps.....	.25c to \$1.49
Set of Furs.....	\$19.75 to \$65.00
Brassieres.....	.25c to \$3.49
Vanity Cases.....	.50c to \$1.49

Gifts for the Baby

Knit Booties.....	.19c to 75c
Fur Robes.....	\$2.98
Brush and Comb.....	.49c to \$1.49
Picture Books.....	
Wool Cap and Scarf Sets.....	.50c
Ribbon Rosettes.....	.35c
Hot Water Bags.....	.59c and 98c
White Fur Sets.....	\$1.25 to \$5.00
Teddy Bear Suits.....	\$3.98 and \$5.00
Knit Jackets.....	.29c to \$1.49
Record Books.....	.49c to \$1.49
Toy Animals.....	.25c to \$1.00
Hosiery.....	.12 1/2c, 25c, 50c
Character Dolls.....	.25c to \$1.50

AUSTRALIA PLAYS HER PART IN GREAT WAR

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 22.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—"Notwithstanding the limitations imposed by the people's verdict in refusing to accept conscription, the government believes Australia will continue to play her part creditably in this war," said Premier Hughes in a recent speech at the lord mayor's dinner in Melbourne.

"The result of the referendum," he said, "settled one point, and one point only—that we may not have recourse to conscription in order to provide reinforcements for overseas service during the way—and of course it cannot affect in any way Australia's obligations to the empire. The people misled by gross misrepresentations have declined to entrust the government with the powers asked for. The decision of the people will profoundly affect the future not only of this young commonwealth, but of democratic government generally. Certainly this refusal on the part of a free people to make sacrifices to defend their freedom will be used as a proof of the wisdom of submitting great national issues directly to the people. But while we regret the decision, considering the odds against us, there is no need to be discouraged."

Mr. Hughes attacked the anti-conscriptionists in this language: "What must be the feelings of tens of thousands of loyal Australians who mis-

led by the outrageous misrepresentations of declining men, voted 'No' when they read in the enthusiastic approval of their action by the German press? Is there one man or woman who voted 'No' and who loves Australia who does not feel humiliated and ashamed to see in what light their action is regarded in Germany?"

"Speaking of troubles in this commonwealth, chief of which was a threatened strike of coal miners, Mr. Hughes said:

"The strikes and upheavals, political and industrial, we see around us are the manifestations of deliberate policy which aims at destroying society as it now exists. They are the work of men who, calling themselves by many names or by no name, are in effect anarchists, and assisting them for their own purposes are certain sections who are against the empire."

What must be the duty of any government worthy of the name under such circumstances? It is to carry on the war with vigor, to prove to the empire and to the world that the heart of Australia beats true, that it owes its existence to the empire and that it will only through the defeat of Germany can the commonwealth maintain its existence and achieve its destiny."

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THE FRENCH MAID SAYS

CARE OF THE DINING ROOM TABLE

"Oh, dear, Mary has gone and set a hot dish on the dining room table and now it is all spoiled again," sighed Marjorie, as she flounced in to Marie for comfort and advice.

"That is too bad," sympathized Marie. "One of the first things to impress on a maid is the necessity for extreme care in the matter of the dining room table. Let a hot platter or vegetable dish be placed but once on the table, without incident, agreement between the maid and the polished table top, and there is sure to be a disfiguring white mark."

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which no amount of rubbing will efface. "The felt or asbestos tablecover which goes under the tablecloth with it very thick, protect the top from injury, but most of these accidents occur when dollys take the place of the tablecloth. One housekeeper I know has made service dollys for use under the hot dishes that are served under a tin larger than the covered dishes that stand on them and matching exactly the set of plate and tumbler dollys with which the table is set.

"The service dollys are made double, that is, two circles or oblongs of linen are cut and attached together under the lace trimming or hawse, scalloping, which edges the dolly. An opening is left half around the dolly, with snap fasteners about two inches apart, and when the dolly comes fresh from the laundering, a circle or oblong of asbestos is slipped inside and the snaps fastened.

"Similar dollys protect the table top under coffee or chocolate cups. When the luncheon table is set with its attractive dollys, silver and china, the thin asbestos linings of the service dollys are quite invisible, and the table looks much more attractive than it would were ordinary protective mats supplied for the hot dishes."

RESILVERING A MIRROR

"This old mirror is very valuable," remarked Marjorie as she called Marie's attention to an antique looking glass, when the French maid called at her

home one day. "But," she continued it needs a new glass to make it look well enough to keep out on the wall."

"Why don't you resilver the back of the glass yourself?" suggested Marie. "It will be cheaper than getting a new glass and half the value of these old mirrors is in keeping the original glass of old-fashioned make. All you need is about a quart of a pound of mercury, 25 cents worth of commercial nitric acid and several sheets of tinfoil. The greatest care must be taken in handling the acid as it will burn a hole in whatever it touches. Rubber gloves should be worn."

"First the mirror carefully, then place on an old time kitchen table with the mercury side up. The table must be perfectly level and should be placed where the nitric acid, that cannot be kept from running off, will not injure anything. Pour the acid carefully onto the surface of the mirror. This will remove the old mercury which may be taken out with a rubber sponge. Care must be taken to avoid scratching the glass."

"Pin the tinfoil smoothly and evenly over the surface of the glass, so smoothly that no bubble or pinhole will spoil the work. The tinfoil should be turned up around the edges or strips of paper or wood may be placed around the glass to prevent the mercury from running off. Then pour the mercury from a pitcher over the tinfoil so that every bit of it will be covered."

"After two or three minutes lift one end of the glass carefully and slowly to let the superfluous mercury run off. Lower the glass very gently to the table and spread a clean, dry wad of cloth over this with weights to press the metal coating down firmly. Leave for 24 hours and you will find the mirror will look as good as new."

TO PROTECT ROME FROM AERIAL ATTACKS

ROME, Dec.—Notwithstanding the presence of the pope, respect for or fear of whom is supposed to far to have saved Rome from aerial attacks, it is now taken for granted that the Eternal City with her countless monuments and works of art may soon be attacked by Austrian aviators.

The Italian military authorities have been actively engaged for several months preparing to protect the city from a raid, with an elaborate system arranged by William Marconi to warn the defenders of the city of the approach of enemy aeroplanes. The Roman newspapers recently published notices that the alarm would consist of five cannon shots, with the usual ringing of church bells as a signal that the alarm is given. While so far it has proven impossible to prevent sporadic attacks on London, Paris, Venice, and other cities, arrangements have been made that may at least prevent the escape of the raiders who attack Rome. The city is favored by two low mountain ranges between it and the Adriatic sea, a distance of 125 miles. But should the aeroplanes escape the coast guns and the anti-aerial guns planted on these mountain tops, the advancing aeroplanes will still find in their path numerous squadrons of Italian machines. The city itself is armed with numerous high power searchlights and anti-aerial guns. The famous Seven Hills of Rome, including the Capitoline above the forum, have each been so armed.

The Janiculum hill, which dominates St. Peter's church and the Vatican, the pope's residence, has several guns pointed on its brow. The Vatican is protected by another set of guns near the Castel Sant' Angelo, the solid and lofty marble tomb built for the emperors, when Rome was the world's battle center, and later converted into a fortress.

While there is no uneasiness felt by the people of Rome for their own safety, it is certain, however, that a bomb dropped anywhere inside its limits could hardly miss destroying some work of art in the world's richest monumental city.

2,201 IN JAPAN WORTH MORE THAN \$250,000

TOKIO, Dec.—There are 2,201 people in Japan who are worth more than \$250,000, according to an informal census taken recently. As indicating the fact that the number of wealthy people is constantly increasing in Japan it is to be noted that these having more than \$250,000, or half a million yen, has increased by 1076 since the last investigation in 1911. The ratio of increase is 115 per cent.

The aggregate wealth of the 2,201 rich is estimated at 2,470,000,000 yen or \$1,735,000,000. Those with over ten million yen, or five million dollars number 48, those with over 1,000,000 yen, or \$500,000, aggregate 481. Classified by profession, the 2,201 rich head the list totaling 1433. Then come land owners, directors of banks and other companies, factory and mine owners and peers. Twenty-seven per cent of the rich live in Tokio and seventeen per cent at Osaka.

NEW TRANS-ANDINE RAILWAY
VALPARAISO, Chile, December 22.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The department of public works has again seriously taken under consideration the proposition of constructing the Chilean end of a new Trans-Andine railway. The line, which official reports say will be built at the earliest possible moment, will connect the Argentine port of Bahia Blanca with Lebu and will cross the Andes in the foreign regions of Longuima. The Argentine end of the new trans-continental has been completed to within 30 kilometers of the Chilean frontier, where work was halted to await a like development on the western slope of the Andes.

That Chile has not as yet built her section is due to a difference of opinion among government engineers as to the most available route. Two counter projects have been used in the chamber of disputes. These call for lines across the mountains of central and northern Chile, but the exhaustive report of Senor Domingo Duran, government expert, which has just been submitted, seems to have settled the matter in favor of the southern pass. The black nature of the Andes in the northern and central parts with the liability of avalanches which might block the line for months, has apparently determined the government to commence work in the south where the forests of the high plateau will hold the sliding snows.

At present semi-weekly trains are experiencing the thrill of crossing the rugged, rocky, and highest mountain range in the world, running regularly between Valparaiso and Antofagasta, from our windows those trans-Andine road which crosses the majestic peaks, the close land view great plateau through the 12,000 feet of which has heretofore been regarded as impassable for the expedition and adventurous mountaineers. The trans-Andine service is a triumph. The boundary line between the Atacama and Chile consists of 2000 feet, was discontinued by the great right area, when was returned to the Andes with the liability of avalanches which might block the line for months, has apparently determined the government to commence work in the south where the forests of the high plateau will hold the sliding snows.

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Fresh Shoulders lb. 12 1/2c

Pork

Fresh Pigs' Head, lb. 12c
Any Cut From Native Dressed Pigs, lb. 13c to 18c
Pork to Roast, lb. by strip 15c
Fresh Hams, lb. 18c

ROAST BEEF

Fancy Pot Roast, lb. 10c
Fancy Chuck Roast, lb. 12c
Prime Rib, lb. 14c
Boneless Boston Rolled, lb. 15c
Best Sirloin Tip, lb. 16c

CANDIES, ETC.

Bon Bons, lb. 12c
Chocolates, lb. 12c
Candy Drops, lb. 12c
Chocolates, box 22c
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Sugar Walnuts, lb. 20c
Fruit Cakes, lb. 17c
Assorted Cookies, lb. 12c
Grape Juice, bot. 10c

GROCERIES

Evap. Peaches, lb. 10c
Evap. Apples, lb. 10c
New Prunes, lb. 10c
Ruby Prunes, lb. 10c
Raisins, lb. 10c
Blenched Raisins, lb. 10c
Bell's Dressing, can. 9c
Sage-Thyme, can. 8c
Pruit Jam, jar 10c

DELICATESSEN

Head Cheese, lb. 12c
Liver Sausage, lb. 12c
Liverwurst, lb. 12c
Pork Sausage, lb. 12c
Frankfurts, lb. 12c
Blood Pudding, lb. 12c
Polish Sausage, lb. 12c
Blood Tongue, lb. 12c
Salami, lb. 25c

FANCY FRUITS

Jonathan Apples, doz. 25c
Pineapples, each 10c
Grapefruit, each 5c
Bananas, doz. 20c
Malaga Grapes, lb. 15c
Pears, doz. 10c
Red Grapes, lb. 7c
Oranges, doz. 21c
Jumbo Oranges, doz. 45c

Oranges, Doz., 10c to 35c

Butter Beans, qt. 10c

SPECIAL XMAS DINNER BASKET NO. 1

4 or 5 lb. Roast Beef .85
1/2 lb. Ground Coffee .13
2 lbs. Sugar .15
1 Can Evap. Milk .09
1/2 lb. Best Butter .19
1 Loaf Bread .10
1/2 pk. Potatoes .22
1 Can Corn .10

Total Value 1.63
Packed in basket containing the above items only. For 1.30

SPECIAL XMAS DINNER BASKET NO. 2

4 or 5 lb. Chicken about 1.00
1 Can Peaches .12
6 Juicy Oranges .11
1 pkg. Plum Pudding .10
1 Can Tomato Soup .09
1/2 lb. Good Tea .10
1 Jar Jam .10
1/2 lb. Best Butter .19
1/2 pk. Potatoes .22
1 Can Green Peas .10
1 lb. Grapes .15

Total Value 1.39
Packed in basket containing the above items only. For 1.60

SPECIAL XMAS DINNER BASKET NO. 3

4 or 5 lb. Roast of Pork about .85
1 Can Tomato Soup .09
1 Loaf Bread .10
1/2 lb. Good Tea .10
1 Jar Jam .10
1/2 lb. Best Butter .19
1/2 pk. Potatoes .22
2 lbs. Sugar .15

Total Value 1.60
Packed in basket containing the above items only. For 1.30

N. B.—We have prepared the above list of Xmas Dinners to sell at cost. Remember you less fortunate friend.

Butter Beans, qt. 10c Xmas Wreaths 3 for 25c Green Beans, qt. 10c

Lamb

Forequarter Spring Lamb, lb. 15c
Fancy Yearling Legs, lb. 15c
Yearling Forequarters, lb. 12 1/2c
Legs of Mutton, lb. 15c
Legs So. Down Mutton, lb. 17c

Steaks

Rump, lb. 27c
Top Round, lb. 28c
Sirloin, lb. 18c
Porter House, lb. 24c
Round—Cut Through, lb. 17c
Tenderloin, lb. 27c

VEGETABLES

Kidney Beans, lb. 5c
Squash, pk. 25c
Green Kale, pk. 12c
Squash, lb. 5c
Yel. Turnips, lb. 25c
Lettuce, head 10c
Swiss Chard, lb. 25c
Celery, bunch 10c
Apples, pk. 18c

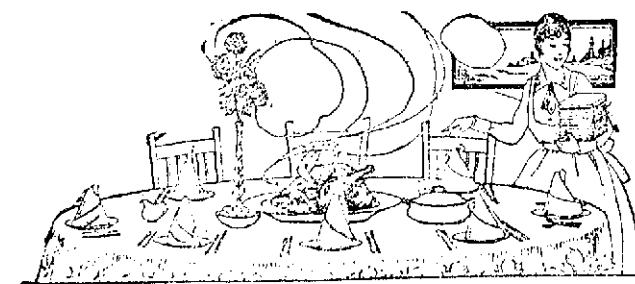
NEW NITS

Hazel Nuts, lb. 25c
Brazil Nuts, lb. 20c
Walnuts, lb. 17c
Almonds, lb. 20c
Filberts, lb. 23c
Fancy Mixed, lb. 15c
Cashews, lb. 20c
S. S. Almonds, lb. 25c
Peanuts, qt. 5c



BEN HUR, 24 1/2 lb. paper bag \$1.15
BEN HUR, 98 lb. cotton sack \$4.50
BARREL IN WOOD \$9.25
SNOW CRUST PASTRY, 24 1/2 lb. bag, \$1.15

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they were both out looking for the lost eggs but couldn't find any trace of them and they came in to breakfast feeling very much puzzled. Just as they were sitting down to breakfast their father came into the room laughing as hard as he could. "Look children," he said, "see what I found in the hayloft," and he held out for them to see Brother's cap with the eggs in it. "I found it out in the barn in the hayloft," he said. "And old Brown Betty was sitting on the eggs. How she managed to get them away, I don't know but she did. Some way, and she ruffled up her feathers and pecked at me when I tried to take them away from her." Helen and her brother looked at the eggs over but they looked just as good as before. Brown Betty had tried to hatch them into chickens and Helen said she thought their friends would like them all the better if they knew Easter eggs had been set on by a real live hen. Poor Brown Betty.

She lost her eggs, but I suppose she would be setting on them now if someone hadn't found and taken them away from her.

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NEW YORK'S BIG INDOOR ICE HOCKEY SEASON IS NOW ON



NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The indoor ice hockey season is on. From now until next March the enthusiasts of the fascinating winter pastime will have ample opportunity to enjoy their favorite sport. The lid was pried off recently when the sevens of Princeton and St. Paul clashed in the opening game of the season at the St. Nicholas rink here. Although the St. Paul lads were trounced by the Tiger boys by a score of 6 to 1 they put up a plucky game fight. There were times when the St. Paul's youths fairly played

crowd, in spite of the fact that the New Hampshire contingent claimed another Baker in Captain Dick Conover. This lad, almost a blond counterpart of the famous Baker, showed in flashes the type of play that has established Baker as one of the greatest amateur hockey players ever developed in the United States, but his speed was not sustained, and he tired when the attack became warmest. It was a thin, wiry and diminutive lad named Carson, right wing for St. Paul's who was the real feature of the contest, although Schoen and Humphreys of the Tiger outfit played a fine game, and between them made five of the victors' goals. This lad was like a streak of red when he got going, and he was going nearly every second of the forty minutes of actual play. Lay-out shows Princeton crack team and captain of the Tiger squad. The men shown in the group are as follows: Left to right—Cohn, sub goal; Scully, point; Comey, rover; Schoen, captain and center; Ford, goal; Hills, cover; Humphreys, left wing; Paton, coach. One on left is Captain Schoen.

MEMBER OF HOUSE OF COMMONS DEAD

JAMES J. O'KELLY, NATIONALIST,
WIDELY KNOWN FOR HIS AD-
VENTUROUS CAREER

LONDON, Dec. 22.—James J. O'Kelly, national member of the house of commons, died in London this morning.

Mr. O'Kelly was widely known for

his adventurous career. He was one of Parnell's earliest recruits in parliament and went through the ritual of suspension and removal from the house which marked the early '80's. While still a member of parliament he accepted a commission to go up the Nile during the Sudan campaign and interview the Mahdi, but Lord Kitchener barred that enterprise. Mr. O'Kelly fought in the Franco-Prussian war, having a commission in the French army. His passion for adventure also found an outlet in the United States army during the Indian campaigns of a generation ago. At the time of the Cuban revolt against Spanish rule he served as a correspondent for New York and London newspapers and distinguished

himself particularly by his daring when, contrary to the orders of the Spanish captain-general of Havana, he made his way to the rebel lines and sent a series of despatches concerning the revolution.

Mr. O'Kelly was born in Roscommon and was in the 71st year.

ARTILLERY DUEL

PARIS, Dec. 22.—An artillery duel of great intensity occurred north of Monastir on Thursday, the war office announced in today's statement regarding operations on the Macedonian front.

Along the easterly end of the line, on the Struma front, encounters between patrols occurred.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF MEN'S FRATERNITY

Rev. Benjamin A. Willmott of Roxbury, formerly pastor of the First Congregational church, was the principal speaker last evening at the tenth anniversary of the Men's Fraternity, which was observed in the vestry with a supper and entertainment. There was a large attendance, including many of the women folk of the church.

Robert S. Fulton was chairman of the hospitality committee, which had charge of the supper. Other committee members were Otis E. Butler, Lur-



REV. BENJAMIN A. WILLMOTT.

ing R. Kew, and Arthur Galley. It was served at 6:30 and later in the evening an entertainment was held. President Osgood delivered a brief address of welcome and this was followed by a piano selection by Miss Ella Gale. Prayer was offered by the pastor, Rev. E. H. Newcomb, and selections were sung by a quartet consisting of Messrs. Willmott, Merritt, Baldwin and Galley. The roll call of charter members showed 14 present out of the original membership of 40, 10 years ago. A roll call of deceased members was called and their pictures were shown on the screen. There were 12 in all, of which 9 were charter members. A voting selection was given by Henry Baldwin.

President Osgood read a financial report which showed that \$250 has been given for sick benefits, \$500 for death benefits, and \$317 contributed to the church debt. The report also showed that during eight months of each year regular monthly meetings were held with a good attendance. The present membership has a total of 139. The revenue in dues during the 10 years showed a grand total of about \$2500, and at the present time there is \$122.50 in the treasury.

Rev. Mr. Willmott spoke briefly but to the point. He urged the members of the fraternity to continue their good work to increase their membership and to do more in the real labors of the church than ever before. There were remarks by Mrs. President, Miss L. Randall, who also read an original poem. There was a selection by the quartet and the closing prayer by Rev. Mr. Willmott.

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SOCIETY FOLK FIND SPORT OF SKIING GREAT FUN

Outdoor sport will have a wider vogue this winter than ever before, according to observers of the keenness with which society folks are taking to



MRS. PRESTON DAVIE

skating, skiing, tobogganing, etc. One of the centers of society's winter recreations is Tuxedo, N. Y., where the accompanying skiing picture of Mrs. Preston Davie, wife of a New York lawyer, was taken.

TRANSPORTATION ROMANCE
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ITALIAN ARMY, Dec. 22.—The transportation romance of this 450-mile mountain front, set down in cold, hard figures, reads thus: 2448 miles of railroad rebuilt or repaired; 580 miles of new railroad built; 150 miles of air-line cables stretched for the teleferica system; 30,000 miles of telephone wire put up; 10,000 new troops, hospital, and freight, buildings erected; 200 miles of narrow gauge railroad laid in or behind the trenches; 110 new bridges thrown across rivers and precipices to accommodate 200 miles of operating road.

The work is credited to 120 civil engineers of the government department of public works, aided by army engineers proper; likewise by 200,000 workmen, and 100,000 army mules, hitched to 30,000 wagons.

The foregoing is the first official record of the exact extent of the construction work on the front, carried on steadily for 15 months despite enemy artillery, avalanche, snow falls, rains, floods, frost, lack of material, and all the other ills by which engineers are beset.

Christmas Gifts—At Ricard's.

LIVELY CANNONADING

PARIS, Dec. 22.—There was lively cannonading in the region of Louvain, north of Verdun, during last night, says the war office in today's bulletin on the progress of military operations on the French front. Elsewhere the night passed quietly.

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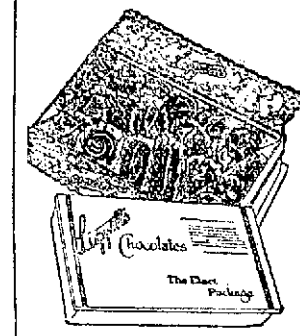
DEEP SEA DIVING SCHOOL

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 22.—The completion of the first year of the Deep Sea Diving school, established at the naval torpedo station here last spring was marked today by the graduation of twenty chief petty officers of the navy. All of the graduates have qualified in diving to a depth of not less than 150 feet, with the use of compressed air and some of them have reached greater depths in the so-called "diving tank" off Fort Wetherill, in the deepest part of Narragansett bay.

The graduates will be detailed to duty on various naval vessels.

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Confections of rare goodness and purity—The simple refinement of the white and gold box is the "quality mark" of the chocolates.

Every woman expects a box of chocolates for Christmas and every man feels it his duty to see that she is not disappointed. Let Liggett's be your choice.

1/2 lb.	1 lb.	2 lbs.	5 lbs.
40c	80c	\$1.60	\$4.00

Liggett's Fruit Cordials... 50c, \$1, \$2
Guth's Assorted Chocolates...
1/2 lb. 40c, 1 lb. 80c
Also in 2, 3 and 5 lbs.
Chocolate Au Guth... \$1, \$1.60, \$2
Liggett's Old Rose Package... \$1.50

Liggett's Mocha Chocolates, per lb. \$1.00
In 1, 2, 3 and 5 lbs.
Park & Tilford's in Xmas packings,
\$1.00, \$1.50, \$3.00
Foss' Chocolates... 80c, \$1, \$5



FENWAY PINK PACKAGE

Our biggest candy value—a collection of novelty chocolates that has no equal at the price. The chocolates are delicious, the package dainty and attractive—makes a very acceptable gift. 1 lb. box **50c**
2 lb. box \$1.00



Cigars Men Like

Flor De Murat

MILD HAVANA BLEND
You'll hit the spot with a box of MURATS.
Our most popular 10c cigar. Its worth has been proven.

BOXES OF 25 **\$2.25**

Plethora Cigars By the Box Popular

HIGH GRADE PORTO RICAN

Made by experts from the best tobacco. Noted for their rich, full bodied fragrance.

BOXES OF 25
\$1.75
and **\$2.25**

Popular Brands in Holiday Packings

Major... box of 25, \$1.75, box of 50, \$3.50
Jaynes Perfectos box of 25, \$1.75, box of 50, \$3.50
7-20-4s, Quincys, Rockefellers, Blackstones, all shapes, in packing of 25, \$1.65, 50's, \$3.30
Jaynes 50's, box of 25... 90c
Royal Sovereign, boxes of 25... \$1.75 to \$2.75
El Solano, boxes of 25... \$2.25 to \$2.75
Lady Curzon, box of 25... \$2.00

A FEW IMPORTED BRANDS

Hoyo de Monterey Perfectos, box of 25... \$5.00
Romeo and Juliet, box of 25... \$5.00
Manuel Garcia, box of 25... \$5.00
Carolina Perfectos, box of 25... \$5.00

Cigarettes

In packages of 50's and 100's

45c UP

Tobaccos

In 1/2 lbs. & lbs.
40c UP

67-69
Merrimack Street

**Liggett's
Riker-Jayne's Drug Stores**

119-123
Merrimack Street

The Rexall Stores

NO CHARGE FOR ALTERATIONS



SUITS—OVERCOATS EVENING CLOTHES



Be Good to Yourself This Xmas

Just one look!—That's all that's necessary—and you'll warm right up to the new assortment of P&Q \$15 "keepwarm" Ultra Ulsterettes, just in from our own big clothes making establishment in New York. Make up your mind right NOW to make yourself a present of one of these overcoats, and you'll be "Present"! on all occasions where smart style and solid "comfiness" and wear are wanted. Then on Xmas Eve, drop the \$10 you have saved into your own stocking, or use it to help gladden the heart of the one you love best.

Ask To See A P&Q "Keepwarm", Ulsterette, Double-Breasted Form Fitting or Loose Fitting Box-Back Coat

They're All Distinctly Different!

\$25 MADE
OVERCOATS
SUITS
EVENING
CLOTHES

\$15

MAKER-TO-WEARER SAVES YOU THE MIDDLEMAN'S PROFIT OF \$10

THE SEASON'S GREETING TO YOU ALL!—AND
ACCEPT OUR HEARTFELT THANKS FOR YOUR GOODWILL!

You men of Lowell have treated us fine this year. We've about doubled our business. The only way that we can show you our appreciation of your goodwill is to continue to give you honest service and the Best Possible Clothes at the Lowest Possible Prices. THIS we will DO! We Thank You!

The P&Q Shop
CLOTHES FOR MEN

48 CENTRAL STREET

OPPOSITE MIDDLE STREET

SUSPECTS PLOT TO BOOST PRICE OF COAL

ANDERSON FINDS TRACE OF ILLEGAL COMBINATION—BOSTON SUFFERING FROM FOOD SHORTAGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—That there are grounds for the suspicion that the recent increase in the price of coal was the result of an "artificial and illegal combination," was the statement made here yesterday by George W. Anderson, federal district attorney at Boston, who is in charge of the government's national food and fuel inquiry.

Mr. Anderson came here to confer with Special Asst. United States Atty. Gen. Frank M. Swacker, in charge of the federal grand jury investigation in this city, after having held similar conferences with the federal and local authorities in Washington, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Chicago.

"When there are indications that the movement of coal has been checked not only on railroads, but at terminals," Mr. Anderson said, "there is reason to suspect that such action probably is the result of an artificial and illegal combination designed to reap extortionate profits through a speculative market."

"When you find coal brokers and coal dealers reconnoitering coal cars over and over again so as to delay delivery and thereby create a panic, you find a prima facie case."

"Such a condition is similar to that recently called by David Lloyd George 'profiting'."

"Boston," Mr. Anderson added, "turning to the food situation, is the only city at present suffering. It even has a shortage of its favorite foodstuff—beans—which are now selling at \$7 a bushel."

Mr. Anderson said that the department of agriculture, commerce and fisheries as well as the interstate commerce commission are co-operating in the investigation.

While the department of agriculture, Mr. Anderson explained, is doing much constructive work by warning the American people in times like these against waste and recklessness, the interstate commerce commission through its force of inspectors, is tracing out over a large area the movement of cars and inquiring about transportation facilities.

TRADES & LABOR COUNCIL.
A regular meeting of the members of the Trades & Labor council was held last evening at 22 Middle street with President Francis A. Warner in the chair. Considerable business was transacted, and Commissioner-elect Warner was warmly congratulated by his brethren over his recent election to the municipal council.

A meeting of Local 57, Blacksmiths' union, was held last evening and considerable business was transacted. A feature of the meeting was an address by International Trustee Walter Chase. Special trains will be provided to transport between 400 and 500 employees of the B. & M. carshops in Billerica to Boston this evening. The large delegation of iron workers will spend the evening listening to Billy Sunday.

SECOND CLASS EXAM.
The following Boy Scouts successfully passed the second class examinations held in the Red Cross course this week: Fred Willett, Troop 1; Alfred McGregor, Troop 2; and William Gallivan, Troop 2.

The following first class scouts were successful in passing the requirements for merit badges: Raymond Davis, Troop 15, first aid to animals; Fred Nitten, Troop 15, first aid to animals; Donald S. Farrington, Troop 1, civics, cycling, public health and pathfinding; William Spencer Laroler, Troop 10, life saving; Frederick Stevens, Troop 11, cycling and public health; Edmund Guther, Troop 11, civics, and cycling; Rupert A. Rhodes, Troop 1, personal health.

PAIGE STREET CHURCH.
A delightful social was given last evening in the vestry of the Paige Street Baptist church. Following a beautiful supper at 8 o'clock there was music by the Pruetter-Koyl orchestra, vocal solos by Miss Margaret Breckenridge; violin solos by Clement Stoddard, accompanied by Miss Vera Stoddard; readings by Miss Mildred McKnight and Miss Velda Cross; piano solos by Miss Lillian Albert and vocal solos by Master Wilbur Roberts. The supper was served under the direction of Mrs. W. O. Brown and Mrs. French, who were aided by a corps of assistants. Mrs. A. F. Libby, Mrs. M. O. Bachelder and Mrs. R. R. Harris had charge of sales tables, which had a thriving business.

BOY SCOUT CALENDAR.
The Christmas number of the Boy Scout calendar has just been issued and copies are being distributed among the Boy Scouts of the city. The holiday spirit is strongly brought out in the edition. In the cover there is the following: "The Boy Scouts of Greater Lowell, their scoutmasters, assistants and those who are doing their part in helping us to carry the scout program in spirit and deed, we wish you all a happy Christmas."

WATSHAM CAMPERS.
A well attended social and dancing party was held last night in Association hall under the auspices of the Watsham Campers. The Miner-Dogle orchestra furnished music for the dancing. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion and enjoyed during the night. Those who were responsible for the success of the affair were as follows:

General manager, John Sullivan; assistant general manager, Edward Burns; floor director, Leonard Gibson; assistant floor director, John Conner; chief aid, George Kinney; aids, Thomas McElhool, Robert Kinney; and Frank O'Shea; treasurer, Timothy Lynch.

FIRST CATHOLIC CHURCH.
At a meeting of the First Catholic church last night John A. Himmelford resigned as treasurer and Everett F. Gray was elected to succeed him. Frank E. Dunbar presided over the meeting. There is a large attendance and considerable routine business was transacted.

LOWELL GUILD BUSY.
The Lowell Guild is very busy at the present time in preparation for Christmas. Nurses are preparing the baskets for distribution and the quilters at 17 Button street look like an old fashioned store, with vegetables, etc., all around. But as yet there is not enough to feed 30 worthy families, and before Christmas the number may soar into 50. Miss Clara E. Holland says that each case is investigated and that baskets are sent to those only who are in want through sickness or to worthy widows. Miss Holland is very thankful for the food contributed but she asks that supplies of any kind be sent to the button street quarters. It is notified, the guild will gladly send for food that friends may wish to contribute.

Tokens of Good Will

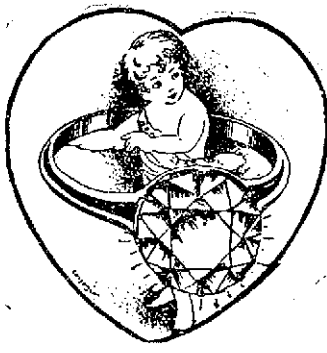
Which will daily reflect the spirit of the giver for many years to come. Read this partial list of "quality" articles at moderate prices.



GOLDEN SAPPHIRES

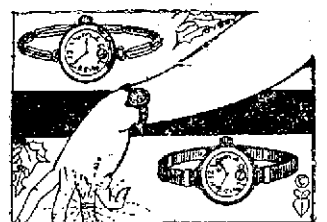
Largest line in the city. In 14k Gold Tiffany, Tiffany Belcher and twin settings.

Diamond and semi-precious stone rings also at lowest prices.



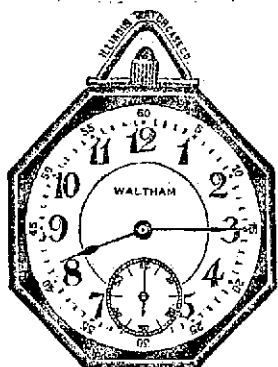
TO "HER"

The proper expression of sentiment is a beautiful engagement ring. See our extensive, carefully selected line.



BUY THAT BRACELET WATCH

Why? Because of our variety of makes and styles, each at prices lower than those of street floor jewelers. . . . \$8.00 Up



THIS WALTHAM WATCH

Is one of the beauties of our large stock. It carries with it the pride of possession. Watches of all makes from . . . \$15.00 Up

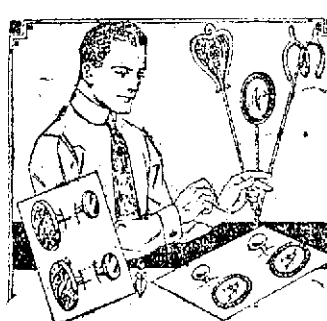


PENDANTS

Always make pleasing gifts when they are chosen from our stock of beautiful and unique pendants set with diamonds and semi-precious stones. Prices to suit you.

PARISIAN IVORY AND TOILET SETS

Anticipating a large sale of these acceptable gifts we are showing a large variety at very low prices.



A STICK PIN OR CUFF BUTTONS is just the gift for any man. We have just his kind in any stone setting.

It is impossible to list here all the nice gifts our store offers at very low prices and to do both them and yourself justice a visit to our place is necessary. If desired, you may open an account with us and pay for goods on easy weekly payments.

C.A. SENTER
The Reliable Upstairs Jeweler
147 Central St.
"Up one easy flight to easy prices"
Open Every Evening

MULLEN DENIED USE OF EVERETT ARMORY

PEARSON TURNS DOWN MAYOR-ELECT—INAUGURAL EXERCISES ON MULLEN'S DOORSTEPS.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Everett's inaugural will be held on Mayor-elect John J. Mullen's front doorsteps. That was the ultimatum Mr. Mullen proclaimed last night, when he was informed that he will be denied the use of the Everett armory for the inaugural exercises.

"The inaugural will be held either in the Everett armory or on the front doorsteps of my home, 100 Hancock street," was the ultimatum of the mayor-elect. "Those who desire to witness the inaugural may gather in my front yard at the appointed time."

Mayor Chambers, the outgoing mayor of Everett, in a statement issued last night, said that the inaugural exercises will be held in the Everett high school hall according to the custom of recent years. He further insisted that the inaugural will not be held in the state armory.

Adjutant-General Pearson, who had tentatively granted permission to Mayor-elect Mullen to use the armory for the inaugural, has stated that when he gave the permit he was laboring under a misapprehension in that he thought at the time that Mr. Mullen had the authority of the city government of Everett in asking for the use of the armory.

"Mayor Chambers has nothing to do with the inaugural," says Mayor-elect Mullen. "He will not even be invited to the inaugural. In the name of the people of Everett whom I represent I call on him to mind his own business."

GREEK PEOPLE DIVIDED

Aristidis Poravas, a young Greek, who recently arrived in Lowell says that the Greek people are divided in their allegiance, the soldiers being with King Constantine and the people with Venizelos. Aristidis lived in Lowell prior to the Balkan wars at which time he returned with many others and fought in the Greek army until a few months ago when his force was demobilized by the king at the demand of the allies. He says that conditions in Greece were very bad with a great deal of suffering and prohibitive prices. He thought of America without delay and as soon as possible came back to Lowell. When he left Greece, the soldiers were strongly in favor of the king but the people believed in Venizelos who had gathered round him an army of 100,000. The people of Greece do not look for the defeat of Germany and think the war may end in a draw.

80 YEAR FIGHT OVER JOHN MOBB'S MILLIONS

LITIGATION WILL BE ENDED NEXT SPRING WITH SALE OF IMMENSE PROPERTIES

LONDON, Dec. 22.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Legal wrangling which has been going on for 80 years over "John Mobbs' millions" will be ended next spring with the sale at auction here of the immense properties which have caused so many heart burnings.

The auctioneer knows these properties as the "London estates of Lord Alington," and their value is somewhere in the neighborhood of seven million dollars. They include factories and docks covering acres of land on the Regent's canal in London, together with more than 2500 houses, rented for various terms of years to working class tenants.

Mobbs' millions have for nearly a century been a glittering bubble to hundreds of "small birds" who have either turned up in quest of them or been turned up by lawyers in quest of the large fees.

John Mobbs was a Northampton coachman. In 1837 he married the daughter of his old master, a rich London distiller. In 1840 he became the owner of a large agricultural estate in the then outskirts of London. But Mobbs' use of the land was restricted by certain ancient "rights" which the citizens of London possessed to practice "free archery" over them, and which were "great and small" doctored by the fields when Mobbs became their owner.

Mobbs, however, granted leases immediately over the greater part of the estate, and then mortgaged the whole thing to a merchant named Stuart. The greater part of the Mobbs' estates thus fell into the hands of the Stuarts, the head of whom is now Lord Alington.

Building began on the Mobbs' meadows in 1823 and 20 years later they were all covered with houses and factories, wharves and coal yards, canal docks and great artificial sheds. The golden age of the estate had been reached. The Mobbs' millions grew up there, when the taxpayers had to buy up at high prices in order to replace them with parks and healthier dwellings. As London increased in value the value of the property went up, and various documents of John Mobbs went into the courts, carried on lawsuits, seized estates, and otherwise endeavored to assert their alleged claims.

Many of the original leases did not expire until 1870, and there was then a great re-opening of the legal hostilities. The courts began to regulate the property for the descendants of Mobbs at ways, failed, however, although there seemed to be plenty of legal technicalities to justify their pleas. At one time professional pugilists were employed to quarrel the empty houses, but the Stuarts won in the end and the Mobbs' meadows are now to be dispersed by the auctioneer's hammer.

SEVEN CENTS A MEAL

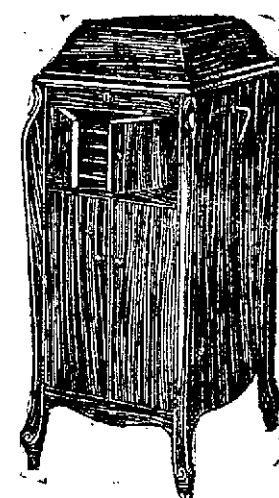
BEREA, Ky., Dec. 22.—In order to prove that the cost of living has not reached every part of the country, Berea college, in the Kentucky mountains, is responsible for the statement that its fourteen hundred students are fed at a cost of seven cents per meal, that they gained "several tons" in weight and that the boarding hall made a net gain of \$20,000.

In explaining this record President Frost of the college refers first to the economy of numbers, some fourteen hundred students being in constant attendance in the three departments. Another explanation of the seven cent meal is the fact that most of the students are accustomed to plain fare, so that they almost unanimously choose to go without tea, coffee and butter to reduce expenses. To offset these economies the "Berea ration" has been introduced on the assumption that it is just as important for students as "for any other live stock."

Large and Small Cruisers—Ricard's

\$5 of Your Xmas Money

WILL PLACE THIS BEAUTIFUL



\$100 Victrola

in your home and \$10 worth of records. Balance can be paid in \$5.00 monthly instalments.

Come and pick out your instrument.

Eight Private Demonstration Rooms
Only Exclusive Talking Machine Store in Lowell
Twenty-Two Years' Experience

WARDELL

6 Bradley Building

171 Central Street

IN MILADY'S BOUDOIR

PROPER WAY TO SLEEP

To get the utmost out of your beauty sleep you should lie in bed and compose yourself correctly. The number of women who sleep, but not correctly enough to get the most good out of their slumber, is legion. The first requisite for the beauty sleep is to lie on your right side. Common sense, as well as our physicians, tell us that it is bad for the heart to lie on the left side.

This is because the blood is pumped from left to right, and if we lie on the left side an extra strain is put upon the heart, for it is then forced to pump against odds. It produces drowsiness quickly to turn on the left side for a while before actually dropping off to sleep, but the practice is not a good one.

Again, you should use a flat pillow. There are many cases of round shoulders and hollow chests caused from lying on thick, heavy pillows. You can see the wisdom of that yourself. The health and appearance of women in general would be better if we did without pillows entirely. Try it for awhile. You will find it astonishingly comfortable, especially in hot weather.

Do not get into the habit of tucking the hand or arm under your head or pillow when you sleep. It is bad for the arm and bad for your sleep. It causes broken, fitful dreams, and more often, develops chronic insomnia. It retards the circulation in the hand or arm, and if there happens to be a ridge in the sheet or pillow, leaves an ugly red mark, which, while it will in time disappear, leaves its scar, however faint, indefinitely.

THE BEAUTIFYING MESSAGE

I wish every woman could realize the beautifying properties of massage. Massage stimulates circulation, it properly gives the body a rest, and the circulation if the rubbing is done the wrong way. In massaging the body always rub from the heart, for rubbing in the opposite direction is really injurious. Another thing about massage

that it is well to know is that a gentle rubbing of any part of the body makes for plumpness, while vigorous rubbing does away with superfluous flesh.

Where the circulation is good, the health is generally good, for the tissues of the body are being systematically supplied by the stream of fresh blood racing through the veins by the flowing current. There is such a thing as overdoing in massage. In most cases which can be treated at home by one not an expert it is just as well not to massage for more than five minutes at a time. Massaging for too long a period has a tendency to fatigue rather than to stimulate. Massaging the face for five minutes is usually best when given midway between meals or just before retiring, or the first thing in the morning, so that the blood needed for the digestive process is not taken from the stomach.

Massage is usually most effective after bathing and this applies to the face as well as the body. Massage is old as the world almost for we read in ancient histories how slaves were kept for this especial function. More than ever was massage necessary in those times because the limbs of persons were more exposed by the fashions of the day. In Russia the method is even more strenuous than in our own or other countries, for, after the kneading, there comes frequently a light switching of the flesh with birches.

Smoking Sets—At Ricard's.

WOMEN DRIVE CARS

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—The day following the granting of permission to women to drive cars and vans, a large number of wives and sisters of horse-owners appeared as drivers. Thus the traditional Russian "lavochki," with long beard and long overcoat, inseparable marks of his dignity, threatens to become a thing of the past.

DR. MCKNIGHT

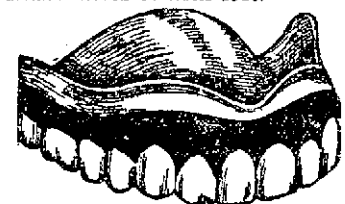
THE ONE-PRICE DENTIST

Positively No Raising of Prices. Keep This Ad., It Is Worth \$1.00. Any patient presenting this ad. at this office will receive \$1.00 worth of work free. This offer is made to demonstrate our superior method of filling, crowning and extracting teeth, and places you under no obligation to have more than the dollar's worth of work done.

FULL SET, \$5.00
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No Better Made Elsewhere, no Matter What You Pay. UNPARALLELED OFFER—Wear one of my Sets of Teeth for ten days, and if at the end of that time you are not satisfied with them return them to me and I will REFUND YOUR MONEY IN FULL.

Porcelain Fillings, \$1 to \$2
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Silver and Other Fillings, 50c to \$1.00
22k. Gold Crowns and Bridge Work
Porcelain crowns, \$3.00

Broken Plates Repaired in Three Hours. Consultation and Examination Free.

175 CENTRAL STREET

Bradley Building, Opposite Appleton National Bank. Phone 4020.
Hours: 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. French spoken.

LANGUAGES IN BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Dec. 22.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—The Germans have been administering things in Belgium so long now that most of them have acquired a workable knowledge of the various languages that prevail there. Accordingly the chief authorities in Brussels have issued new and drastic language regulations for all their subordinates.

In towns or districts in which the Flemish language predominates, it is in future to be used solely both in spoken communications and in official acts, letters and notifications. The only exceptions to this rule permit French to be used when a reply has been specifically requested in that language, or when the original letter of inquiry was in French.

In greater Brussels the authorities make use of either French or Flemish, yet from the first of January, 1917, all communications from authorities of the various sections of Brussels to the outlying Flemish districts must be in Flemish. All notifications and public notices are to be issued in Flemish, with French translations accompanying them when desirable.

German is to be allowed only in sections of Belgium where it prevails as the "language of the country."

TO ENCOURAGE AGRICULTURE

WARSAW, Dec. 22.—To encourage agriculture and to teach the Poles, especially those of the peasant class, to farm along modern and up-to-date lines, arrangements have been made to open five agricultural schools in various parts of the kingdom.

INFANT MORTALITY

NEW YORK, December.—Deaths among babies in New York city were considerably reduced during 1916 as compared to previous years notwithstanding the infantile paralysis epidemic, according to an announcement by The Babies' Welfare association. The figures for the year indicate the mortality among babies will have been one thousand less than during 1915. During this year, the association which acts as a clearing house for the care of babies, has reached over ten thousand infants through a widely-varied number of channels. There are now 126 institutions and charitable societies co-operating ardently with the Babies' Welfare association and scores of others call upon its services from time to time.

"IT'S FROM PELTIER'S"

The recipient of a gift feels the tacit compliment expressed by the sender when the remembrance comes from PELTIER'S.

Christmas Gift Suggestions

FOR WOMEN

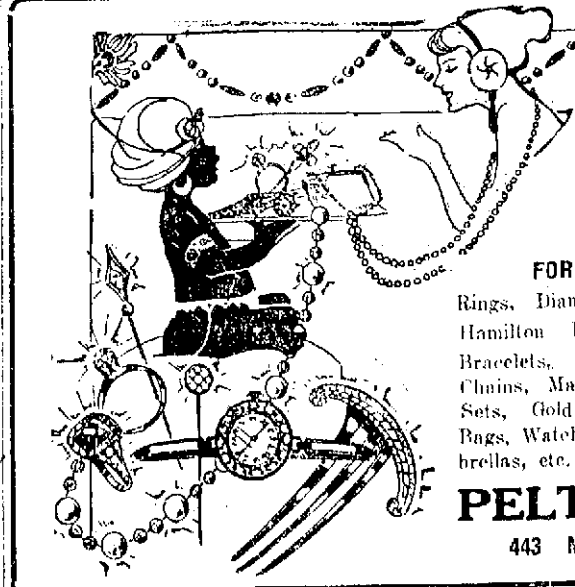
Rings, Diamonds, Bar Pins, Hamilton Bracelet Watches, Bracelets, Pendants and Gold and Silver Belt Buckles, Gold and Silver Mesh Bags, Watches, Brooches, Umbrellas, etc.

FOR MEN

Scented Pins, Rings, Full Dress Sets, Cigarette Cases, Cuff Links, Smokers' Accessories, Gold and Silver Belt Buckles, Chains, Charms, Lodge Emblems, Gold Pencils, Knives, Pobs, Shaving Sets, etc.

PELTIER'S Jewelry Shop

443 MERRIMACK ST.—MAJESTIC BUILDING



PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE OF MURDER

DEBHAM, Dec. 21.—Gustav Persson today retracted a plea of not guilty of the murder of Mrs. Anna Persson at Needham on April 15, and pleading guilty to a charge of second degree murder was sentenced to life imprisonment. The change of plea came after several witnesses for the prosecution had testified in the trial which began here Wednesday.

POSTMASTER MAREAN HANGED HIMSELF

STEEP FALLS, Me., Dec. 21.—Postmaster Walter E. Marean hanged himself in a deserted camp today after wandering all night through a swamp following his failure to find certain vouchers for a postoffice inspection. The matter of the vouchers could have been cleared up easily, according to the inspector. Marean, it was believed, viewed the situation too seriously.

DESPERATE ATTEMPT BY RUSSIANS TO ADVANCE

BERLIN, Dec. 21, by wireless to Sayville.—On the golden Bystritsa river yesterday the Russians made a determined effort to advance attacking four times, it is announced officially. Their efforts broke down under the fire of Austro-Hungarian troops. In Rumanian the Teutonic forces gained further ground.

\$240,000 LOSS BY FIRE
NEWCASTLE, Pa., Dec. 21.—Fire which swept the business section here today destroyed two department stores with a loss of \$240,000. A number of smaller stores also were burned.

ASKS U.S. COOPERATION IN REORGANIZING LOAN

PEKING, China, Dec. 21.—The Russian, Japanese, British and French legations have indicated to the foreign office and the American legation their desire for American co-operation in the reorganization loan of \$100,000,000.

TOTAL OF \$626,700,000 IN GOLD RECEIVED

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Gold to the amount of \$100,000,000 consigned to J. P. Morgan & Co. from Canada is being delivered at the Philadelphia mint. It was announced here today. This makes a total of \$626,700,000 received from all sources since Jan. 1.

Bright, Sears & Co.,
WYMAN'S EXCHANGE
Bankers and Brokers
SECOND FLOOR

BRITISH ATTITUDE ON RIGHTS OF SHIPS

CAN ADMIT NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN UNARMED AND ARMED VESSELS

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The government cannot admit any distinction between the rights of unarmed merchant ships and those armed for defensive purposes, said Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty, replying to a question today in the house of commons.

BRITISH PENETRATED THE GERMAN LINES

BERLIN, Dec. 21, by wireless to Sayville.—British troops penetrated advanced German positions north of Arras yesterday, the war office announces. Subsequently they were ejected by a German counter-attack.

WOMEN STRUCK BY TRAIN IS DEAD

LAWRENCE, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Catherine Sullivan of Roxbury struck by a train at North Wilmington Monday night died at a hospital here today.

MORE SHIPS SUNK
LONDON, Dec. 21.—Lloyds shipping agency announces that the steamer Liverpool has been sunk.

The steamer Rayhall, according to another Lloyds announcement, is believed to have been sunk.

Three steamers Liverpool are listed in the marine records. All are small vessels, two being British and one French.

The Rayhall is a British steamer.

BANK PRESIDENT DEAD

BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 21.—Charles A. Moody, 63, president of the First National bank of this city and a financier of note, died at his home here today. He was connected with the business and financial interests of the city and vicinity all his life.

GRANDMOTHER KNEW

There Was Nothing So Good for Congestion and Colds as Mustard

But the old-fashioned mustard-plaster burned and blistered while it acted. You can now get the relief and help that mustard plasters gave, without the plaster and without the blister.

Musterole does it. It is a clean, white ointment, made with oil of mustard. It is scientifically prepared, so that it works wonders, and yet does not blister the tenderest skin.

Just massage Musterole in with the finger tips gently. See how quickly it brings relief—how speedily the pain disappears.

Use Musterole for sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, headache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frosted feet, colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia).



DR. SMITH HOMESTEAD BOUGHT BY THEATRE MAN

The old Smith homestead in Merrimack street, at the corner of Spaulding street, has been purchased by Agaviny Tikigian, proprietor of the New Jewel theatre. The property consists of a house valued at \$3600, a stable valued at \$300, and 8,550 square feet of land valued at \$5,150, making a total of \$9,050.

The property was sold by Theresa Estelle Smith and the deeds were transferred a day or two ago. Mr. Tikigian has made plans to tear down the house and stable and upon the premises he will erect a six-tenement house. It is expected that the work of tearing down will be started in a couple of weeks.

DEPARTMENT STORES WILL KEEP OPEN

All the local department stores will keep open this evening, tomorrow evening and Saturday evening in order to give the late comers an opportunity to purchase their Christmas presents.

MILLS WILL CLOSE

The local cotton mills, machine shops, shoe shops, and other manufacturing plants as well as the plants of the U. S. Cartridge Co. and the department stores, will close all day Monday, Christmas day. Some of the provision stores will open a few hours in the morning. The same rule will apply on Monday, New Year's day.

PROHIBITION BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A final vote on Senator Sheppard's District of Columbia prohibition bill will be taken in the senate on Jan. 9. That date was agreed upon after plans for a vote yesterday had been upset by a tactical error by one of the friends of the measure.

REPORT AMENDMENT FOR NATIONAL PROHIBITION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The National prohibition constitutional amendment, materially altered from the way in which it was reported to the house was ordered favorably reported by the senate judiciary committee today by a vote of 7 to 3. Senators Culberson, Reed and Brandegee voted against it.

SALE AT FORECLOSURE OF RAILROAD ORDERED

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—The sale at foreclosure of the Missouri Pacific and of the St. Louis Iron Mountain and Southern railroads was ordered by Judge Hook in the United States district court here today.

11 BELGIANS SHOT TO DEATH BY GERMANS

A German courtmartial at Hasselt, 11—Of 20 Belgians sentenced to death by a German courtmartial at Hasselt, 11 were shot last Saturday, says the Maasrict Les Nouvelles. Forty-four other persons were sentenced to various terms of penal servitude and 64 others ordered deported to Germany. The newspaper adds that another courtmartial is begun to hear the cases of 192 Belgians charged with espionage.

The frontier correspondent of the Amsterdam Telegraaf asserts that many citizens of Ghent who were deported to the Somme front were killed or seriously wounded recently during a fight by French machine guns. The correspondent adds that a thousand men from Ghent are compelled to work on that front and that 4000 more are about to be sent there.

Les Nouvelles says a large number of young people from villages in the Belgian province of Luxembourg have been deported from the commune of Viroin, among them children between the ages of 12 and 15. The correspondent adds that a large number of workmen were deported Friday and Saturday from the Grand Duché de Luxembourg, and that at Aix la Chapelle 500 Belgians are reported to be imprisoned.

FRENCH BATTLESHIP SUNK BY SUBMARINE

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 21.—A German submarine torpedoed and sank the French battleship Suffren, according to an official statement given out last night. The statement read: "One of our submarines sank on Nov. 26 by a torpedo an enemy ship of the line northwest of Lisbon. It was the French battleship Suffren, reported lost with the entire crew by the French admiralty on Dec. 5."

A Paris despatch, under date of Dec. 8, reported that the battleship Suffren which left port on Nov. 24 had not been heard from since that time, and that the ministry of marine considered the vessel lost with all on board. The Suffren sailed from Lorient. She had on board a staff of 18 officers and 700 men. Her displacement was 12,750 tons.

LEADING VERMONT LAWYER DEAD
WATERTOWN, Dec. 21.—Charles C. Pitts, former attorney general of Vermont, one of the leading lawyers of that state and ex-president of the Vermont Bar association, died at 5 last night at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Ward M. Otis, 65 Russell ave., aged 45. He was taken ill at his home in Brattleboro several weeks ago and came to Boston for treatment at the Corry Hill hospital. Later he was taken to the home of relatives here.

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Merrimack Street, Cor. of Palmer

Make Christmas Gifts Count Double By Making Them Carry the Double Quality of Sentiment and Usefulness

This store is a veritable Christmas mine, with a rich vein of giftable articles,—things of vital importance to the wardrobe and yet possessing the grace and beauty one expects to find in holiday tokens.

GIFT BLOUSES

For Women and Misses

Net and Lace Blouses

Soft and frilly are these Blouses of embroidered net, in ecru and white. Black or cream lace Blouses over flesh colored chiffon.

2.95

Lingerie Blouses

Dozens of attractive styles for Christmas gifts. Lace trimmed and embroidered Blouses of white voile with fashionable deep collars.

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Crepe de Chine Blouses

Tailored and Dressy Blouses of crepe de chine, in white and flesh. The styles are copied from high-priced waists and French blouses.

2.95

Georgette Crepe Blouses

Tucks, bead trimmings, fine laces, hand embroidery, and all manner of daintiness in these gift blouses of Georgette crepe; flesh, white, and pastel colors.

4.95

COSY BLANKET BATH ROBES

Well-made Bath Robes of Beacon Blankets, in delicate pastel shades of rose, gray, blue and lavender; also Navajo Indian designs in rich brown, red, blue and orange colorings.

2.95

CAMISOLES FOR GIFTS

With evening gowns and the sheer, filmy blouses favored by fashion, Camisoles become a necessity. Many dainty styles of flesh and white washable satin with trimmings of lace and blue ribbon.

.95

JAPANESE QUILTED VESTS

A friendly gift which tells of your consideration of another's comfort, and is surely to be highly appreciated. Sleeveless quilted Vests of black or white China silk.

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FLOWERED TAFFETA PETTICOATS

A wide, full model of supple chiffon Taffeta, with scalloped flounces. Gorgeous flowered designs on backgrounds of taupe, king blue, purple, hunter and apple green.

3.95

BRUSHED WOOL SCARFS

Indispensable for "out-door" folks and devotees of winter sports, fringed and striped scarfs in gold, rose, brown, green and white.

.95

CREPE DE CHINE CHEMISES

Dainty refined styles that any woman would be charmed to receive. Tops and shoulder-straps of shadow and imitation filet lace; flesh only.

1.95

FURS Supreme Among Christmas Gifts FURS

Narobia Muffs

Black Narobia Muffs in fashionable melon, barrel and pillow shapes. Satin linings and fancy silk cords.

7.45

Natural Beaver Muffs

Selected Beaver Skins in fashionable small muffs of barrel shape.

14.75

Mole Collars

Distinctive Cape Collars of gray mole coney with satin tie.

14.75

Tiger Sets

Sets of Imitation Tiger Skin, with small animal scarf and round barrel muff.

5.95

SILK HOSIERY FOR GIFTS

Pure Silk Gordon hosiery in all the wanted colors: fawn, pink, gray, suede, navy, pearl, Hague blue, white and black.

1.00

CHRISTMAS APRONS

Dainty Lawn Aprons for the sewing club and "chafing dish parties." All-over embroideries, lace edgings and insertions; trimmings of pink and blue ribbons.

.50

ORGANDIE COLLARS

Distinctive Neckwear of white organdie, with pleating, hand-embroidery, net edging and bead trimmings.

.50

SILK UMBRELLAS FOR GIFTS

A gift that a woman is always charmed to receive. Distinctive handles of carved wood, and silver with colored enamel. Changeable taffeta in garnet, blue, green and black.

4.95

IMPORTED NOVELTY BAGS

All the way from Paris and just waiting to be gifts. Navy or black moire taffeta, embroidered with cut steel beads; fitted with mirror and coin purse.

2.95

DAINTY BOUDOIR CAPS

Boudoir Caps of irresistible daintiness and charm, fashioned of flesh or blue satin, net, filet and Venise lace. Trimmings of ribbon and French rosebuds.

.95

CHRISTMAS SWEATERS

A Thoughtful Gift

Jumbo Knitted Sweaters

Distinctive Norfolk Sweaters with pockets, belt and broad sailor collar. In white, garnet, green, brown and Hague blue.

3.95

Brushed Wool Sweaters

Youthful Sweaters of brushed wool, in rose, green, maize and blue, with collars and belts of white Angora or Roman striped wool.

5.75

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The property consists of about 1880 acres traversing for 1 1/2 miles the Kearsarge amphibolized bed, which furnishes the bulk of Michigan copper, the bed outcropping in the northeast corner of Seneca ground.

Both the Almahock and Mohawk produce their copper from the Kearsarge lode, the No. 1 working shaft of the Mohawk being close to the Seneca boundary and what appears to be the richest part of Almahock ground adjoining the Seneca.

SOME OF THE COUNTRY'S BEST ENGINEERS ESTIMATE THAT SENECA GROUND CONTAINS 400,000,000 LBS. OF COPPER IN THE EXTENSION OF THE ALMAHOCK AND MOHAWK ORE BODIES.

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The stock is actively traded on the New York and Boston markets, and we can gladly advise its purchase.

Further information and map furnished on request.

Frank J. Smith & Co.

50 CONGRESS ST., BOSTON, MASS.

FIVE MILE RUNNING RACE AT ROLLAWAY

Tomorrow night at the Rollaway rink on Hurd street, Fred Couture of the Bellevue club will make a desperate effort to turn the tables on James Crowe of the O.M.I. Cadets and Tony Drouin of the Mathew Temperance Institute in a five-mile running race.

Last Saturday Couture allowed Drouin and Crowe to relay at will in a three-mile race and was defeated by a lap and a third. Tomorrow night, however, his opponents will be permitted to relay but four times in the five miles. This change, Couture says, is just what he wanted, and he claims that he will show his opponents that he is their master in the longer grind.

Crowe and Drouin are not worrying over the new conditions, for as they say, the plan would not have been decided upon had they not agreed, and aver that by agreeing to the move, they showed that they had confidence in their ability to win. The race tomorrow night will start at 8:30 o'clock. Crowe and Couture will start at scratch. Crowe will run a mile and a quarter, and then Drouin will come on and run two and a half miles. Crowe will relieve him and finish the race.

No blocking or other violations of the running rules will be tolerated. On Monday night, Christmas, the same runners will appear in a pursuit race. All will start together, and the one first to lap the two others will be awarded the first prize.

AUSTRALIAN DARCY NOT A RICH BOXER

Although Les Darcy has been the fistic idol of Australia for two years or more, he has not made a great deal of money. He will earn more in four bouts over here than he was able to do during the four years he has been active in the ring. According to reports, Darcy has been able to save but \$35,000, although he has defeated every man who could be found to meet him.

Darcy has drawn many thousands of pounds by giving exhibitions for various red cross and war relief societies. At least twice a week he appeared at these affairs, and all told he has contributed the equivalent of a fortune to relief work. This is one of the main reasons why his loss has so grieved his countrymen. Australian boxers of little note, such as Charles Simpson, the featherweight, who recently arrived here, had no difficulty in luring him to the country, but Darcy was a gold mine for the promoters.

According to George Chip, Darcy is a green country boy, who blushes every time a stranger speaks to him. He says the sharks who infest boxing circles in New York are sure to take him for an easy mark, and will fight him for an easy mark, and will fight for possession, but that Darcy has a great deal of common sense and is not likely to tie up with the wrong kind of person when he selects a manager. Chip bears no malice because Darcy knocked him out. He says the Australian is a prince and will be tremendously popular here.

PETS SOLD FOR CHARITY

LONDON, December. In these days when nearly everybody is giving up something to the cause of the war, pet animals have found a prominent part as a form of war charity. People have given their dogs and cats to charitable institutions to be auctioned off to raise money for wounded soldiers. So many unsalable pets have been offered as to make them a burden to the animal protection societies.

At a recent sale many of the cats and dogs were sold for a few pence and dirt, but no bids could be obtained for them, and they were handed over to the societies to be put to death by gas.

FAMOUS JOCKEY IN ARMY

BERLIN, December. Rastenberg, the premier among German jockeys, who won almost 50 "firsts" this year for the Royal Grading stable and who cleared nearly half a million marks for his employers, has at last been drawn into the army. He is now in training as an artilleryman at Frankfurt-on-the-Oder.

\$500 REWARD

For the conviction of those that went into my nursery at Kenwood and cut down some of my fancy Evergreen Trees.

McMANMON'S, the Prescott Street Florist, is the best place in Lowell to get your Xmas greenery and plants. Plenty of trees yet, from 50c to \$1.00 each.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

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STORE, STABLE and 2000 ft. of land for sale. Inquire 322 Lawrence st.

YOUNG GIRL or middle aged woman wanted for general housework. Call for home nights. Apply 30 Washington st.

CORNY 4-ROOM TENEMENT to let, gas, toilet on floor. 21 Newbury st.

PUPPIES for sale, for Christmas. Spanish beagle hounds. 50 Wilder st. Call after 5 o'clock.

KITCHEN MAN and woman wanted at Hamilton Restaurant, 1 Goreham st.

Japanese Folding Screen

Special value on a four-fold decorated panel Japanese Screen for

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This would be a very attractive and also useful gift

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SPAULDING SHOE TEAM BEATS J. P. S. TEAM

The J.P.S. team was outrolled by the Spaulding Five in the Centralville Minor League on the Spindle City alleys last evening. Mullin of the Spaulding quintet was high man with a total of 264, and also had the best single string, 129. In the night league of the U. S. Cartridge Co. on the Crescents alleys the Extension department was defeated by the Finish Shell by 100 points.

The scores:

U. S. Cartridge Co. (Night League)

EXTENSION			
	1	2	3
Burns	90	60	84
Mason	73	79	83
Billion	90	90	92
Wrenn	103	103	90
McNeil	94	99	84
Totals	439	440	432

FINISH SHELL

	1	2	3
Murphy	195	82	88
Quinn	122	81	76
Wich	110	94	88
Coff	106	91	93
Parrell	101	75	103
Totals	594	440	458

Centralville Minor League

J.P.S.

	1	2	3
Spaulding	76	103	89
H. Bourgeois	98	89	88
Spaulds	88	87	82
Duttrene	87	102	98
Parajohn	103	86	97
Totals	452	465	451

SPAULDING

	1	2	3
Madden	88	81	96
Ellis	87	85	87
Guthrie	89	103	100
B. Scott	100	96	104
Mullin	190	84	129
Totals	474	449	507

SPORTING NEWS

There is some feeling in Haverhill over the attitude of the athletic board in awarding letters to members of the football team, according to a report from the downriver city. Charles White, the right half back of this year's team, has been elected captain for 1917.

The Brown football team will play Holy Cross at Worcester next fall. This developed at a conference in Worcester yesterday.

Connie Mack has stated that he will not boost the price of admission at Shibe park next season. Perhaps Connie will wait till he draws an average attendance.

The standing in the City Bowling league changes as often as the weather. Any team except Boyd's, is liable to take the lead.

But little consideration is given "Happy" Felsch when critics are considering the leading outfielders of the American league, yet Felsch is undoubtedly one of the most valuable outfielders in the Johnson organization. In the 1916 series between the two Chicago clubs, Felsch was a big star.

Eddie Plank insists that rare use of the curve ball has been the greatest factor in prolonging his career as a pitcher. Plank claims that during his entire career he has thrown four fast balls to one curve. Constant use of the curve soon tends to sap the strength of the salary whip, according to Eddie.

SIX-DAY BIKE RACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—At 7 a. m. today, the 102nd hour, the six leading teams in the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden were far behind the leaders. Spears and McNamara were setting the pace. During the night there was a bad spill at one of the turns, but no one was injured. The record for the 102nd hour is 2934 miles and 2 laps made by Verri and Egan in 1914.

The number of teams in the race was officially reduced to 11 when it was announced that the Goulet-Grenda combination had been declared out because Goulet was unable to find another partner to take the place of Grenda, whose collarbone was broken in a spill last night.

The race during the morning hours was marked by a series of spectacular sprints at the close of which the Lawson-Mitten, Eaton-Ryan and Thomas-Oiler teams fell a lap behind the leaders. The South Korean combination gained ground and was within one lap of the six teams setting the pace. The E. Oiler-Bell pair also gained and at 10 o'clock was only two laps behind the leaders. The six teams tied at the front at that hour were Spears, McNamara, Rice-Dunphy, 101-Bronach, Root-Madden, Kaiser-Cameron and Debaets-Walshour.

WITH THE PADDED MITTS

Tommy Doyle of Lowell lost the decision to Buddy Nolan of Lawrence in the semi-final bout at the Unity club in Lawrence last evening. The bout was scheduled to go eight rounds but in the seventh Referee Nicholson called the bout off and handed Nolan the decision. Doyle, who was hitting his first bout of the season, claimed that he was fouled three times in the seventh round. Referee Nicholson's decision was a disappointment to the many Lowell fans present, who claimed that Doyle had the better of the going all the way.

In the main bout Tommy Reboon of Malden knocked out James Mitchell of New York in the second round. Reboon sized his man up for the better part of two rounds and then finished him in short order. Tommy Burns of

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What to give for Christmas is not usually a matter of easy disposal—as often as not, the decision is difficult only because of the methods employed—it's really an easy matter if one goes to the proper place.

If you've waited until now before Gift Buying—your choice won't suffer if you come to this GREAT STORE LOADED WITH USEFUL GIFTS for Men, Women and Boys, where experienced salespeople will gladly make suggestions.

Thousands of Christmas Shoppers Have Taken Advantage of Our Preparedness for Christmas Sale

WHICH AFFORDS AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE USEFUL, SEASONABLE GIFTS AT A SAVING OF 20 TO 30 PER CENT. UNDER PRESENT DAY PRICES. WHY NOT JOIN THE HAPPY THROGS TODAY AND SATURDAY, HITTING THE TRAIL TO THE MERRIMACK CLOTHING CO. A FEW ITEMS FROM THE THOUSANDS HERE TODAY.

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS

As usual, we are offering our regular Friday Night Three-hour Bargains from 6.30 to 9.30. Every item a big money saver and will make practical and useful Christmas Gifts.

Tonight from 6.30 to 9.30

Men's \$20 Suits	\$16.50
Men's \$12.50 Suits	\$10.00
Men's \$25.00 Overcoats	\$21.50
Men's \$2.50 Pants	\$2.00
Men's \$2.00 Soft or Stiff Hats	\$1.65
Men's \$1.00 Caps	65c
Men's \$3.50 Shaker Sweaters	\$2.95
Men's \$1.50 Laundered Coll Shirts	\$1.05
Men's \$1.00 Soft Cuff Shirts	75c
Men's \$1.00 Union Suits	79c
Men's 50c Underwear	45c
Men's \$1.00 Pajamas	79c
Men's 15c Cotton and Wool Hose	10c

Boys' \$13.50 Overcoats	\$9.95
Boys' \$8.00 Overcoats	\$6.50
Boys' \$7.00 Suits (two pants)	\$5.25
Ladies' \$6.95 Raincoats	\$3.98
Ladies' \$5.00 Raincoats	\$2.98
Ladies' \$5.00 Silk Waists	\$3.98
Ladies' \$5.00 Serge Skirts	\$3.98
Ladies' Odd Silk Waists	\$1.00
Ladies' \$1.50 House Dresses	.79c
Ladies' The Rungelow Aprons	49c
Men's Suits, values up to \$25, marked	\$20.00
Men's Suits, value up to \$20, marked	\$15.00
Men's Overcoats, values up to \$25, marked	\$20.00
Men's Overcoats, value up to \$20, marked	\$15.00
Men's Overcoats, values up to \$15, convertible collars, marked	\$10.00
Men's Shirts, values \$1.50 and \$2.00, marked	\$1.20—3 for \$3.50
Men's Shirts, values \$1.25 and \$1.00, marked	85c—3 for \$2.50
Men's Shaker Sweaters, values up to \$5.00, marked	\$3.50
Men's Worsted Sweaters, values up to \$3.00, marked	\$2.50
Men's Larch Suits, values up to \$1.50, marked	.95c
Men's Natural Shirts and Drawers, values up to 75c, marked	59c
Men's Jersey Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, values up to 65c, marked	50c
Men's Stockings, values up to 25c, marked	17c—3 Pairs 50c

Men's Bath Robes, values up to \$7.50, marked	\$5.00
Men's Bath Robes, values up to \$5.00, marked	\$3.95
Men's House Coats, values up to \$6, marked	\$3.75
Men's Fancy Vests, values up to \$3, marked	\$1.65
Men's or Women's Umbrellas, value up to \$1.50, marked	\$1.00
Men's Caps, values up to \$1.00, marked	65c
Boys' Overcoats, values up to \$5.00, marked	\$5.00
Boys' Overcoats (small sizes) values up to \$7, marked	\$3.95
Boys' Suits, two pairs of pants, values up to \$6.00, marked	\$5.00
Boys' Odd Suits, values up to \$4.00, marked	\$2.95
Boys' Sweaters, values up to \$3.50, marked	\$2.50
Boys' Odd Gloves, values up to \$1.00, marked	50c
Boys' Odd Knicker Pants, values up to \$1.00, marked	50c
Boys' Gloves, values up to 75c, marked	50c
Ladies' Suits, values up to \$40.00, marked	\$23.50
Ladies' Suits, values up to \$25.00, marked	\$17.50
Ladies' Suits, values up to \$22.50, marked	\$14.75
Ladies' Coats, values up to \$30, marked	\$25.00
Ladies' Coats, values up to \$25, marked	\$20.00
Ladies' Coats, values up to \$20, marked	\$15.00
Ladies' Bath Robes, values up to \$7.50, marked	\$5
Ladies' Bath Robes, values up to \$6, marked	\$3.98
Ladies' Sweaters, values up to \$8.95, marked	\$5.00
Ladies' All Silk Petticoats, values up to \$5.00, marked	\$3.98
Ladies' Waists, values up to \$2.49, marked	\$1.59
Ladies' Waists, values up to \$1.50, marked	98c

Merrimack Clothing Co.

ACROSS FROM CITY HALL

Decorated by Kaiser
BERLIN, Dec. 22, via London. Emperor William has conferred the Oak Leaves of the Order Pour le Merite upon Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, commander of the German forces on the Somme front. It was officially announced today.

The emperor has conferred the same distinction upon Lieut. Gen. von Kuhl, attached to the staff of the Bavarian crown prince.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

more difficulty with the South Boston boy than in the past.

Battling Levinsky and Battling Mikke of St. Paul have been matched to go 10 rounds at Brooklyn New Year's afternoon.

CHEER AT WHITE HOUSE

Old-Fashioned Christmas Planned By the President and Mrs. Wilson, including a Tree

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. President Wilson is preparing for an old-fashioned Christmas day he and Mrs. Wilson enjoyed home Christmas at the White House. There will be a Christmas tree for the children, including Josephine Cushman, the president's granddaughter, who arrived Wednesday night with her mother, Mrs. Anne Cushman of Philadelphia, and Ellen McAdoo, granddaughter of Mr. Wilson. The family party will include Mr. and Mrs. McAdoo, Miss Margaret Wilson and relatives of Mrs. Wilson.

More than 100 turkeys will be distributed Saturday by the president to employees of the executive offices. On Christmas day he and Mrs. Wilson expect to deliver presents to a number of poor families.

BEAUFORT FOR PRES. WILSON

AMARILLO, Tex., Dec. 22.—A fat yearling buffalo killed by hunters in the first buffalo hunt in the Texas panhandle in many years was presented today and a large piece sent to President Wilson. Others who will receive choice cuts are: Ambassador Jusserand of France, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and the four members of the federal farm loan board.

WATER COLOR OUTFITS

Prang's Water Color Palette - 6 non-poisonous children's colors and one camel hair brush 10c

The Vandyske Outfit contains 13 pans and 2 tubes of color and one brush. The box is enameled 25c

Larger and higher priced sets and a daily line of Oil Color Outfits.

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6c, 8c, 10c, 15c and 25c

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Porcelaine 15c
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THE SALVATION ARMY'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Salvation Army estimates that 25 per cent more money will be needed this year than last to accomplish the same amount of work.

The army will give out its baskets to the poor tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Contributions, however, may be made all day Saturday, as many of the bills are paid after Christmas.

The circumstances of each family asking for a basket are investigated and only the worthy cases are recognized.

Beginning at 11 o'clock on Sunday night, Christmas eve, the Salvation Army band will start out on a tour of playing. Persons desiring the band to visit a certain section are asked to communicate with the adjutant, Salvation Army, 111 Fort Hill avenue, or to telephone 5395.

The army's Christmas program is laid out along progressive lines. As stated, on Saturday, baskets will be distributed and on Sunday night the band will play. On Christmas day, there will be a special service at the Army hall in Jackson street, beginning at 7:30 p. m. "White Gifts to the King" will be the theme. On Tuesday, the day following Christmas there will be a Sunday school free in the evening at the hall, and on Friday, Dec. 29, there will be a Christmas tree for poor children.

HOPELESS DIPLOMATIC MUDDLE

PEKING, Dec. 22.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—France and China have become involved in a hopeless diplomatic muddle as a result of the forcible seizure by France of an addition to its concession in Tien-Tsin on October 21, as previously reported in these despatches.

Sir John Jordan, the British minister and dean of the diplomatic corps at Peking, attempted to bring about a compromise by proposing to convert the disputed territory, which consists of about 350 acres, into a Sino-French settlement to be administered jointly by the French and the Chinese.

The Chinese press and much of the Chinese public opposed such a settlement, and criticism of the French officials was so harsh that the negotiations came to an end. The British minister has left for England on a four months' vacation, and the Tien-Tsin dispute is at a standstill.

Spasmodic runs have been made by Chinese on French banks both in Peking and Tien-Tsin, and many of the Chinese newspapers are advocating a general boycott against the French.

Mendure and Toilet Sets—Ricard's

AMERICANS AID WOUNDED

PARIS, Dec. 22.—A new American enterprise in aid of the wounded has been formed in Paris by Miss Grace Casette of Chicago, called the Franco-American corrective surgical appliance committee. It has among its members M. Justin Godart, under secretary of war and head of the military medical service, Dr. Alexis Carrel, of the Rockefeller Foundation, New York, Dr. Daniel J. McCarthy, of the Pennsylvania University, Professor Pinard and Pozzi of the Spasmodic runs have been made by Chinese on French banks both in Peking and Tien-Tsin, and many of the Chinese newspapers are advocating a general boycott against the French.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

Break up the strenuousness of Christmas shopping this week by going to the B. F. Keith theatre, where one of the snappiest shows of the season is on parade. It will do the faded nerves good to get a touch of real laughter, for that's what everybody who has seen this show has received. Bert Lamont, the western lyric contralto, and his quintet of singing cowboys, headed the bill. Not only is this set one in which the harmonies are well maintained, but the general setting is one of great beauty. Clara Howard, singing comedienne, rates up with the best in her line, and that is saying much. Miss Howard has a manner which is all to the good. Some call it personality, and others admire it in her song numbers as well as in the rather fetching patter which she gives. Also her imitation of Charlie Chaplin should not be overlooked. It is one of the richest of acts. Bradley & Ardine in a cycling, singing and dancing act do a bit of everything and do it exceedingly well. It is rare indeed that so many things should be so perfectly

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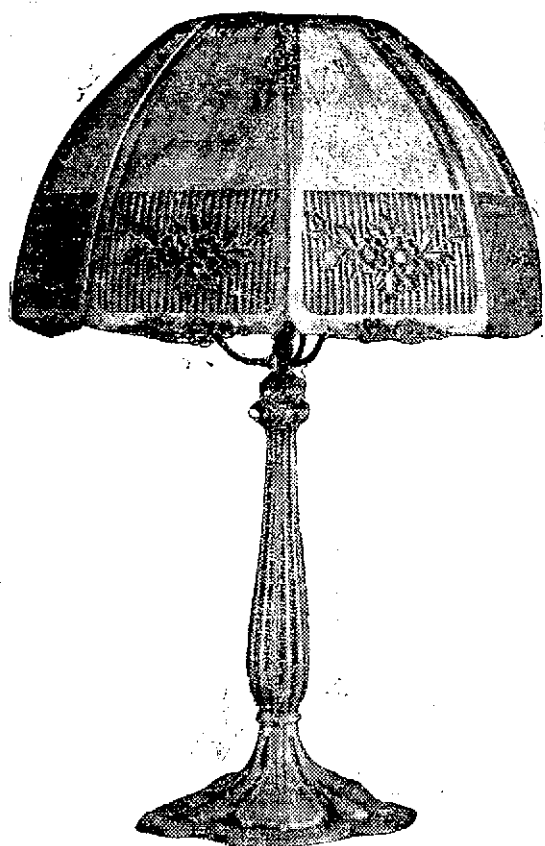
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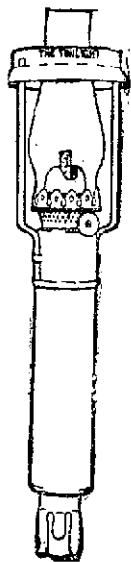
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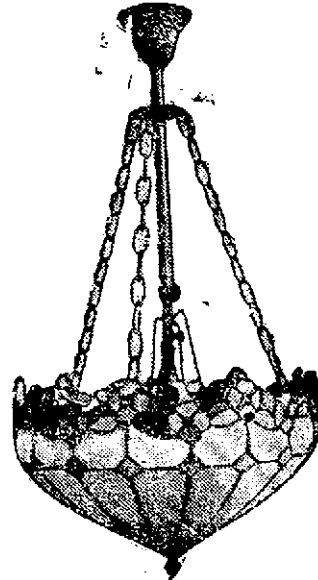
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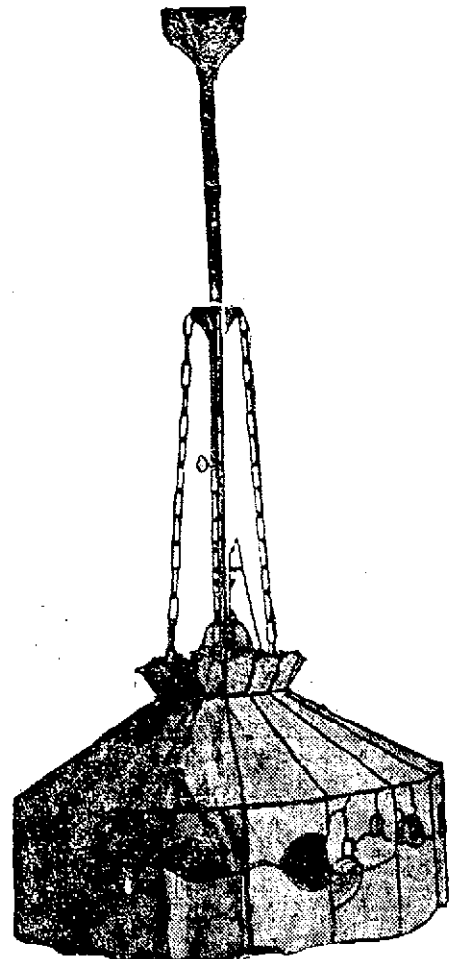
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presented. Al. Girard and Sylvia Clark in "Modern Vaudeville Follies" are wise men spots on this very good bill. De Costa and Ellen Orr sing and play the piano well, and Blanche Stange, the acrobat, is a wizard at turning out dangerous stunts. The Thomas Trio are wonderful trampoline bouncers. The Pathe News shows all new motion pictures, taken in many parts of the world, good seats for remaining performances may be obtained in advance at the box office. Phone 28.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE The press agent for the Opera House says:

Today and tomorrow are the last chances for the theatregoers of Lowell to see "Everyman's Castle," William Anthony Maguire's brilliant dramatic success, which, all the week has been packing the Opera House to the very doors and the advance sale of seats shows that the "N.R.C." sign will be hung out at the remaining performances.

Ivan Miller, Gladys McLeod, James Hayden, Helen Kinsel, Rose Morrison, Gertrude Shirley, Richard Vincent and other members of the company are seen in very good characters, while the scenic production ranks among the best of the season, with all new effects.

Sunday afternoon and night a banner program of vaudeville and picture features will be offered. There will be five big headline acts and as many reels of the latest and the best releases in photoplays. Several new surprises in store with next Sunday's program and with seats now selling it is a good plan to make reservations early and as many as possible attend the matinee performance. Next week, the Emerson Players will present "It Pays to Advertise," Colman and Harris' greatest success and

a play that will make a great hit with Lowell audiences. Coming direct from a year in New York, a year in Chicago and six months in Boston, the play has certainly caused a wonderful demand for seats, and it will break all records known. The Christmas day matinee will start at 3 o'clock instead of 2:15, giving everyone an opportunity to thoroughly enjoy their dinner.

Miss Ann O'Leary will be back in the cast with Ivan Miller and all the favorites will be seen in their best roles and a superb scenic production will be offered.

As there is certain to be a big demand for seats for Christmas matinee and night, patrons are advised to attend the matinee if possible and avoid the rush.

Seats can be secured by phoning 261.

ROYAL THEATRE The mystery attendant upon the arrest of Captain Payne, Pearl Dare's brilliant lover in Pathé's military mystery serial, "Pearl of the Army," is further heightened in the second episode, entitled "Found Guilty," which is to be shown today and tomorrow at the Royal Theatre. Ralph K. Harris' nature play, seen as Captain Payne in the new serial, and a dramatic influence is found in "The Silent Menace," which as yet, all, majestic nature of Lou Tellegen is to remain a mystery. Pearl Dare, the pitiable serial heroine, takes the role of Pearl Dare, the American Joan row at Ave. In this part she sounds a note

of warning to the nation. It is a timely one, due to the fact that preparedness is no longer a term for theory, but is a problem for the patriotic. Other fine attractions on the week-end program are episodes of "Liberty," the smashing Universal serial with Marie Wren, and Eddie Polo, and "Grant, Police Reporter," with Ollie Kirby and George Larkin. The latter is a series of highly interesting detective dramas, and is well worth seeing, as all Kalam series have proven in the past. The regular releases will complete the program, which is excellent throughout.

MERRIMACK SQUARE THEATRE Today and tomorrow are left on which the Lowell picture lovers have opportunities to witness the stellar bill which is being presented at the Merrimack Square Theatre during the last half of this week. Lou Tellegen, the actor husband of Gertrude Farrar, appears in the principal role of the five-act story of the uprising of the natives of "Cawpaw," who rebelled against English rule and thus wrote an important as well as interesting chapter in the history of England's conquests. The dramatization of this has event is even more interesting than anything which has been written about it and in the most thrilling scenes the native of "Cawpaw," who as yet, all, majestic nature of Lou Tellegen is to remain a mystery. Pearl Dare, the pitiable serial heroine, takes the role of Pearl Dare, the American Joan row at Ave. In this part she sounds a note

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which shows in action the many latent qualities which often lie dormant in a man, awaiting only the occasion to bring them out. In this play, Robert Warwick plays the leading role and is supported by Miss Mollie King and other noted stars. The Burton Holmes Travel pictures, a comedy, and other plays will also be shown on this same bill. An extra added attraction at the matinee tomorrow afternoon will be the latest episode of "The Girl from Frisco," which will be shown at the conclusion of the afternoon performance and is put on for the interest of the youngsters, it being a play of the west devoid, however, of its wildness and wooliness.

JEWEL THEATRE The press agent of the Jewel theatre says: The management takes this means to wish every lover of clean pictures shows a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The Jewel will stand for the best each and every week of the season year and, as in the past, hopes for success. Thank you, one and all, for the only Charlie are underlined. The other regular releases contain some very fine serials and multiple reel comedies and dramas. A good show as always, and the usual low prices of admission prevail the year round at this theatre.

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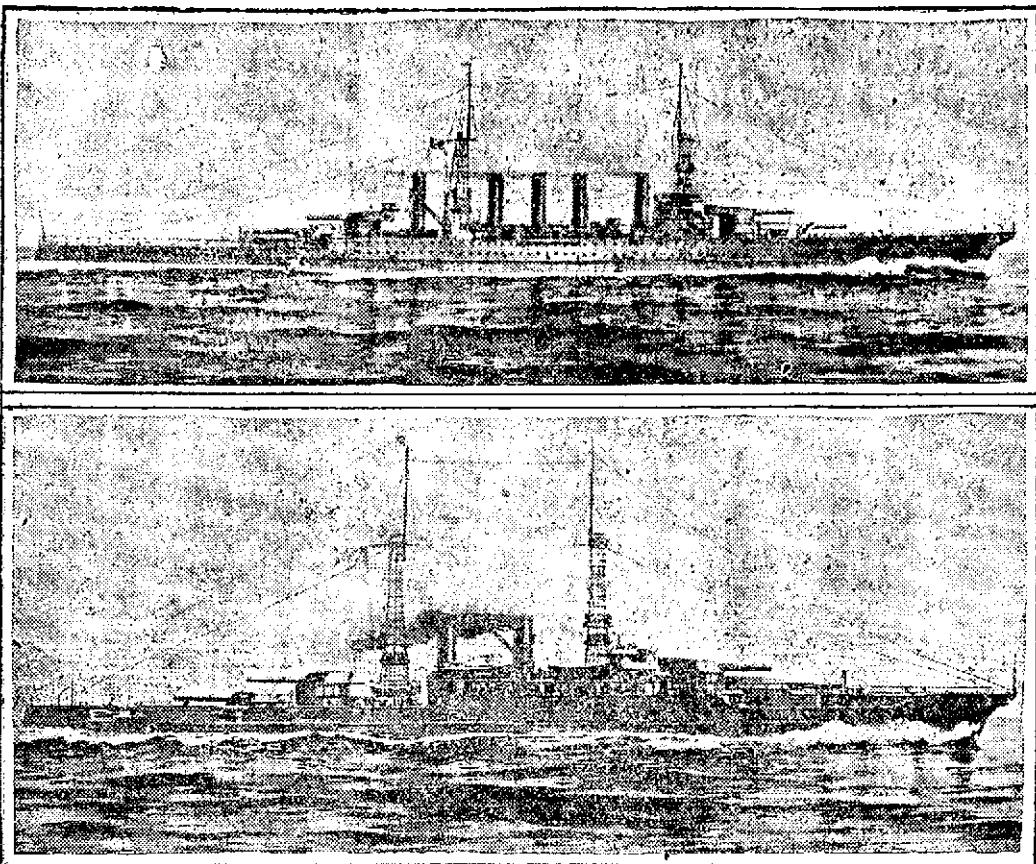
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PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS HOLD CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Christmas exercises were held in the various parochial schools throughout the city today, some in the forenoon and others in the afternoon.

At St. Joseph's convent this morning, Christmas carols were sung, recitations were given and at the close of the program the cards of honor were distributed to the pupils of 29 classes, who have received over 70 per cent in the quarterly examination which was held recently. The distribution was made by the pastor, Rev. Fr. J. H. Racette, O.M.I., and the pupils who received their cards were as follows:

Grade IX, Irene Desmarais, M. Rose Dion, Berthe Desmarais and 25 others.

Grade VIII, Cecile Malo, Florence Labrie, Pauline Lefebvre.

Grade VII, Claire Boute, Cecile Desmarais, Estelle Boudier.

Grade VI, Louise Barry, Helene Moreau, Anne M. Groulx.

Grade V, Amelie Labrie, Estelle Lavallee, Claudia Ducharme.

Grade IV, Alice Houde, Claire Gaudin, Liliane St. George.

Grade III, Ada Vaillancourt, Cecile Gosselin, Alice Gosselin.

Grade II, Florence Ducharme, Jeanette Labrie, Yvonne Gosselin.

Grade I, Yolande Therrien, Emeline Sirois, Liane Gosselin.

Grade Ia, Lena Barrette, Rachel Fortin, Irene Gosselin.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Christmas exercises were held in St. Joseph's college at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon under the direction of Mrs. Leon Bernard, principal, and the program was as follows:

"Le Noel du Petit Nourissin" chorus, 7th and 9th grades.

"Happy New Year to the Oblate Fathers" Raymond Barry.

"La Gueron, le Sinec et la Noix" 10. Montminy.

"La Veste Noire" Albert Lefebvre.

"Le Parasseux" Edouard Matte.

"Le Renard et le Chien" Emile Boudier, Conrad Lavallee, Jocelyn Roy and Paul Roy.

"L'Envers du Ciel" William Berube.

"L'Heureux Cultivateur" Henri Blanchette.

"Les Gros Peches de Bethse" chorus.

"Le Chateau de Cartes" George Gosselin.

"Le Bossu de Noel" Leo Desmarais.

TO FREE PEOPLE FROM BIG LAW FEES

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Senator Robert M. Washburn of Worcester would "interrupt" the regularity of that procession of well clothed attorneys hurrying away from Beacon Hill bearing bags of gold which comes out of the people," according to his own statement yesterday afternoon. Mr. Washburn, whose criticism of the policy of the Boston Elevated company in hiring attorneys attracted much interest at a recent public hearing, has filed for consideration of the incoming legislature a bill the chief provisions of which are as follows:

"No corporation, or interest, within the jurisdiction of the public service commission, or the board of gas and electric light commissioners shall be represented by, or shall employ, in any matter before the general court or any committee thereof, or any commission of the commonwealth an attorney-at-law unless he shall have been continuously and exclusively within the employment of said corporation or interest, or unless with the specific authorization of the commission having authority over said corporation or interest."

In an interview yesterday afternoon Mr. Washburn said, "This bill substantially was introduced into the general court by me a few years ago, but was repudiated, to use the common words as 'ill considered,' 'arbitrary,' 'unreasonable' and 'unworkable' by men known, again to use the common words, as 'well balanced' and found too often in quantity and power in the public service."

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"If drastic," he says, "then this failing is sweetened because needed to reach conditions hard to reach. It attempts to reach even that grateful political evil, the acquiring of an influence over legislation by financing the campaigns of men that make it. It is one more string on large payments to men whose reputation is that of foster mothers to our great and general court and whose names appear in corporation returns, after substantial amounts, with the gentlest though hardly descriptive return, 'retainer.'"

"It is precipitated by the present spectacle before the board of gas and electric light commissioners. In the issue between the Edison Electric Illuminating company and the city of Boston, if the interests of the city of Boston can be properly cared for by its busy counsel, John A. Sullivan, whose annual salary for presumably all of his

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WORST BLIZZARD IN YEARS HITS CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 22.—One of the worst blizzards in many years struck Cleveland and vicinity early today. Swept by a 18-mile gale several inches of snow drifted over steam and trolley railway tracks making trolley trains hours late and seriously handicapping city electric lines.

Merrimack Times At Herald's. Franklin City Glass—Herald's.

PLANS FOR CORONATION OF KING CHARLES

BUDAPEST, via London, Dec. 22.—The Hungarian parliament has completed arrangements for the coronation of King Charles by electing Count Tisza as Palatin and 26 of its members as his assistants. Count Tisza's election followed a hard fight with the opposition which supported Archduke Joseph. The Palatin is the functionary who places the crown on the king's head.

The work of decorating the streets has already started and despite the war, it is intended to make the coronation an elaborate affair. King Charles will arrive at Budapest on Dec. 27 and the coronation will take place on Dec. 30.

OWL THEATRE

The brilliant dramatic actress, Miss Hilda Spang, will be seen for the first time on the screen, at the Owl theatre today and tomorrow in the new world release "Divorced." Throughout America, and especially in the western states, the name of Miss Spang has been connected with the dramatic stage for years, and since her entry into the motion picture world she has met with wonderful success, in fact her success in this new field has fairly eclipsed the triumphs of the stage.

"Divorced" is one of the best problem plays ever released. It tells a heart-stirring story of present life, and depicts the triumphs of the stage, the follies and the sham of present day society. It tells of a woman who is deceived by a man, who had

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THE CLUB LAFAYETTE ELECTED OFFICERS

The board of directors of Club Lafayette held an important meeting last evening in the well appointed quarters of the organization in upper Merrimack street and among the business transacted was the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Ernest J. Dupont, president; Dr. L. V. Rorhett, vice president; Hoye D. Parthenalis, secretary and Frederick



ERNEST J. DUPONT, President

A. Lamoureux, treasurer. The other directors are as follows: J. B. Pault, E. N. Labele, Joseph Routhier, Leonard L. Fortin and J. A. Norman.

The directors voted to celebrate the third anniversary of the club as well as the new year on New Year's eve with a ladies' night. Concert numbers will be given, while refreshments will be served. The officers will be initiated at the first meeting in January.

REPLY TO NOTE

Continued

It be known indirectly to the diplomats for their guidance, that he went even farther than that and counted on an absolutely frank reply from the belligerents which would lead to an actual opportunity for negotiations proved only less surprising than the note itself.

This feeling was increased by Secretary Lansing's authorized statement yesterday that no soundings had been taken of the attitude of the belligerents addressed and that the note had been sent entirely regardless of the central powers' proposal or of the reply of Lloyd George.

Action of European Neutrals

The question very much to the fore today was whether the European neutrals would present a united appeal. The Spanish and Swiss representatives here have been at the state department repeatedly since those proposals came out and probably know fully the plans of this government.

It is pointed out that the European neutrals have suffered beyond any other nations not actually involved in the war and that peace is more essential to them than to any but the actual belligerents. In addition they have none of the bitterness of war and none of its ambitions and are anxious more for the coming of peace than for the accomplishment of any other purpose. Nevertheless their geographical position between the two contending forces has been so dangerous that up to now they have been able to do no more than to maintain their neutrality without mixing in the struggle even to suggesting peace.

Part of this danger is, however, thought removed by the American action.

To Advise Friendly Reply

Gradual clarification among the entente diplomats here of the president's purpose and indications that they would advise their governments to reply in a friendly spirit proved a source of deep gratification today, as it was pointed out both in the note itself and in Secretary Lansing's explanation that one of the dangers was that the allies would consider the step as a pre-emptive move. Every effort was made to remove this impression and to have the note considered entirely apart from any other events. The entente diplomats at first very fearful, have now accepted this view.

Note Received in Berlin

Charge Grew reported to the state

department today that the president's note had been received in Berlin.

Early London press comment that the note was painful because it said the objects of the belligerents were virtually the same, was not unexpected here where attention already has been drawn to the fact that President Wilson specifically declared that the published views of the opposing statement left that impression.

It is stated officially that the president would not presume to say that the two groups were fighting for the same object, but merely that their official spokesmen had outlined much the same general program without going into the actual details, which he now seeks.

Several hundred telegrams congratulating President Wilson on his note to the belligerents arrived today at the White House. Virtually all of them construed the note as a move for peace. They came from individuals and organizations.

WILSON AS INTERLOCUTOR

EDINBURGH, Dec. 22.—President Wilson is declared to have placed himself in a position of an interlocutor on the side of Germany by the Scotsman which, in an editorial commenting on the president's note, says:

"President Wilson has hitherto observed a discreet reticence which he maintained when the small nations he is now so concerned about were suffering unparalleled wrong. What motive can have prompted him to throw aside that peculiarly prudent reserve just at a moment when his action was most likely to be misunderstood? It is strange that no one among his counselors had the wit to see that intervention at this juncture, immediately following the maneuvers of Berlin and before the entente powers had time to deal formally with that movement, runs the extreme risk of being misconstrued."

"His explanation on this point makes his action still more unintelligible. If he brooded over this suggestion so long in silence what reason can have impelled him to become suddenly communicative just at a moment when his perception of the propitiously makes him uneasy and distrustful. It is not surprising that he feels embarrassed for he acted so that he became virtually an interlocutor on the side of Germany. Why did he not wait for the entente's reply to Germany? Why did he not step into the ring with proposals which, whatever his intentions must present themselves to the allies as directing the course which in his judgment they should take?"

NO STATEMENT FROM ENGLAND
LONDON, Dec. 22.—The British government will make no statement at present in regard to President Wilson's peace note, considering it a question that can be dealt with only in communication with the other members of the entente. Announcement to this effect was made in the house of commons today by Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer and government leader in the house.

Mr. Law was asked whether a statement could be made regarding the American note. He replied: "It must be obvious to the house that this is a question that can only be dealt with in communication with our allies and that it is absolutely impossible to make a statement now."

CALLED "PEACE FEELER"

LONDON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson's note is given the honor of the biggest display in the morning papers, re-echoing the war news to a minor place. Headlines such as "President Wilson's strange peace essay," "President Wilson's peace feeler," "Amazing note," indicate in slight measure the astonishment caused by the communication.

Much speculation is indulged in as to the motives or causes which inspired the president to send such a note after his assumption of the attitude that he would not mediate unless invited by both groups of belligerents.

One section of the press, utterly rejecting any idea of the possibility of peace negotiations as the outcome of the recent German note, daily attributes the president's action to the success of propaganda conducted by Count von Bernstorff in America and what they describe as the masterly inactivity of the late British government. A more general impression is that the agitation in America for an embargo on food exports had much to do with Mr. Wilson's action. It is also suggested that the president may have received special information from the German government and is aware of the extent to which Germany is prepared to go toward "reparation, restitution and guarantees."

This is the view expressed by the Daily Chronicle. Some discussion also is devoted to the chances of congress passing food export measures and possibly an embargo on cotton and war



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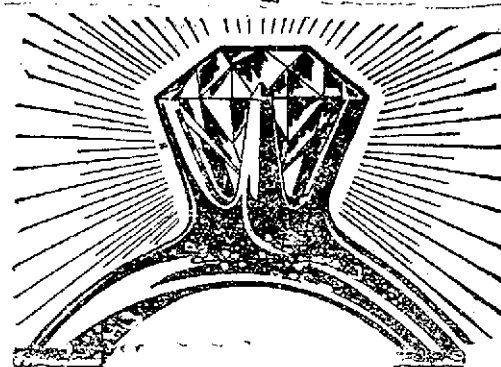
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BRVAY CONGRATULATES WILSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson yesterday received a telegram from former Secretary Bryan congratulating him on his note to the belligerents. It said:

"You have rendered an invaluable service to a war-stricken world in asking the belligerent nations to set forth in specific terms the concessions and assurances which their own necessity to the establishment of a lasting peace. It would be a reflection upon the nations at war to doubt that they know the ends for which they are fighting or to assume that they have any purposes which they are unwilling to reveal."

"I regret that my words were open to any other construction, as I now realize that they were. I think that the whole tone and language of the note to the belligerents shows the purpose without further comment on my part. It is needless to say that I am unreservedly in support of that purpose and hope to see it accomplished."

SURPRISE TO BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Absolute and startling surprise was the first feeling in Great Britain aroused by President Wilson's note. The government was surprised, and frankly admitted so. The members of parliament were equally surprised when the news spread through both houses during the afternoon session.

The newspaper officers were surprised and undoubtedly the public will be equally surprised when they read Ambassador Page's statement to the foreign office in the morning papers. All information from America in the past few days, both in despatches from the usually best informed Washington correspondents and in advices to the banking and business firms, has said that the president had no intention of taking any steps toward peace or making any move in European affairs.

When he transmitted Germany's note to Great Britain without comment it was assumed that this action represented his general attitude toward the European situation.

Most of the newspapers commented upon this course with satisfaction. The tone of their comments tomorrow will be that Premier Lloyd George's speech and the speeches of the Russian, French and Italian statesmen have affirmed the allies' position, and that unless the German government gives notice of the nature of the proposals which it would bring to a conference the allies cannot accept neutrality which it has constantly pursued in the face of constantly increasing difficulties.

While the replies of the various allied governments to Germany will be made simultaneously and probably before Christmas, as indicated last night, yet these replies will not be textually identical, and will not take the form of a joint note.

The reason for this is that while all the entente allies are agreed on the general principles of the reply, each came into the war under different conditions, calling for a somewhat different statement.

For example, the defence of small nationalities was one of the main causes bringing England into the war, in defence of Belgium, whereas Belgium and Serbia did not enter for other reasons, but because their territory was invaded.

Similar differences in the conditions exist as regards France, Rumania and other countries, so that, while all the replies will agree on the essential particulars of reparation, and security, they will not be identical.

KAISER TO CALL GERARD

LONDON, Dec. 22.—In Berlin diplomatic circles, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam, it is understood that the German emperor will at an early date summon to headquarters the American ambassador, James V. Gerard, with the view to discussing with him possible American mediation and action.

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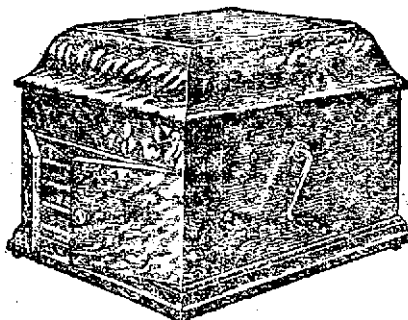
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STRANGER LOOKED LIKE WILLIAM SWEENEY

A number of residents of Pawtucket believe they saw William H. Sweeney, the man who killed his wife in Kenwood, Dracut, two years ago, and who escaped from the Worcester asylum Wednesday afternoon in their district last evening. With the exception that the man wore an overcoat, the description of Sweeney as given by the hospital authorities tallies with that of the stranger seen in Moody street.

Shortly before 7 o'clock a couple of young men who were standing at the corner of Moody street and Colonial avenue saw what they believed to be a drunken man walking in the middle of the street, coming from the Colchester direction. One of the young men stopped the stranger and asked him where he was going. The reply was that he was minding his own business and he wished others would do likewise.

A conversation followed during which the stranger, who although hardly able to stand on his feet, conversed very freely and did not show any signs of intoxication, said he wanted to go to Lowell, to his home in Merrimack street. He later attempted to board a Pelham bound electric car, but was prevented from doing so by one of the party. The stranger then begged of those present to leave him alone and mind their own business. He was then taken aside by one of the party, who wanted to help him, if there was any way of helping him, but his mind seemed to be somewhere else and he asked to be allowed to go about his business. He said he was going to the centre of the city. He said he could now remember where he was and, pointing his finger to the right, he said, "the Pawtucket falls are there." A few minutes later he directed his steps across the Moody street bridge toward Merrimack street.

The stranger wore a cap and overcoat covered with frozen snow, which one of the young men who accosted him to believe that he had slept in

the snow. It is also believed that the man's staggering was not due to intoxication but to weakness brought about by a long walk and the lack of food. It was only this morning that one of the party thought of Sweeney and he immediately notified the chief of police of the action of the stranger and the patrolmen were notified to keep an eye out for him.

No Definite Information

The police have found no definite information about Sweeney as yet. Late yesterday a telephone call was received from a person who believed that he had seen Sweeney on the street but after receiving a description of him decided that he had picked out the wrong man.

BOYS FINED

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rested two boys, both under 17 years of age, who were arrested in the juvenile court charged with wilfully disturbing and interrupting an assembly of people. Patrolman O'Neil had been in the theatre a little more than an hour when the noise was heard in the front rows of the gallery during the progress of a singing and talking act. It was claimed that boys entered, hissed, hooted, whistled, stamped their feet and threw chalk onto the stage. Patrolman O'Neil picked out the two defendants as being active in the disturbance. They pleaded not guilty but after hearing the evidence of several witnesses his Honor found both guilty and ordered each to pay a fine of \$10.

Had Loaded Pistol

Another juvenile case which occupied considerable time was that in which Harry Dematt was charged with carrying a loaded pistol. It was claimed that Harry and another boy were found in a camp in Dracut where several mysterious fires had been discovered. When the owner of the property appeared the boy is said to have displayed a revolver and later to have thrown it into a river. The case was continued a week on condition that Dematt leave the city and go to Canada.

Rough and Tumble

A lively fist fight which took place in Central street, opposite Middle, about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon,

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ALDERMEN AND MAYOR DEADLOCKED TWO HOURS

DOVER, N. H., Dec. 22.—The board of aldermen was deadlocked two hours last night at an adjourned meeting of the Essex street extension layout.

The mayor claimed the meeting was not legally in session because the series of adjournments was broken Nov. 2 by lack of a quorum. The board had been in executive session since the regular meeting, Dec. 7, and twice adjourned. Last night Mayor Barrett announced he would entertain only motions to dissolve the executive session and to adjourn.

The executive session was dissolved and a stormy meeting followed, during which every move to bring the extension matter to a vote was balked by the mayor. Finally the mayor announced he would entertain a motion to call an adjourned special meeting to consider the matter. The special meeting was set for Dec. 28.

A.C. BEDFORD, NEW HEAD OF STANDARD OIL CO.

ELECTED PRESIDENT TO SUCCEED THE LATE JOHN D. ARCHBOLD

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A.C. Bedford has been elected president of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, to succeed the late John D. Archbold. Mr. Bedford has for some years been vice president and treasurer of the company.

SUN BREVITIES

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Misses Helen Haugey, Kitty Kimmon, Flora Hebert and others at Richard's Central street store, and Misses Blanche Galtie and Alice Laundry at the Merrimack street store are assisting in accommodating the holiday crowds.

George Gibbons, residing at 22 West Adams street, had one of his hands caught in a gear while at work at the Tremont & Sunnyside mills shortly after 11 o'clock this morning. The amputation was summoned and he was taken to the Lowell hospital where he received treatment.

Several successful raids have been made on Methuen hen coops recently and the owners have made an appeal for better police service, especially at night. They not only claim that the hen thieves have been working but that women and children are annoyed by a strange man if they venture out at night.

Edwin W. Kilpatrick of Lowell has been appointed one of the assistants to the sergeant-at-arms at the state house, at a salary of \$600 and traveling expenses. Service is during the months that the legislature is in session. Mr. Kilpatrick was formerly a member of the common council. In politics he is a republican.

The Nurses' almshouse of St. John's hospital have conceived the idea of having a Christmas tree for the patients and each member of the body has contributed a dollar towards the fund. Friends of the hospital are requested to contribute gifts to the tree and some may wish to send personal gifts to the hospital. In connection with the distribution of gifts there will be a Christmas musicale and the nurses will do everything possible to pass along a message of good cheer.

In a recent ad, by the Auburn Motor Car Co. displaying a Christmas offer on automobiles, there were statements which might appear to be misleading. But the fact remains that this company has a full line of cars represented by them on exhibition at

TWO MEN KILLED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

WINSTED, Conn., Dec. 22.—Two firemen were killed and seven other firemen injured, one seriously, in a head-on collision between a regular east-bound freight train and a double-headed west-bound extra freight on the Central New England railway today at Horseshoe Bend, about a mile west of New Hartford. The dead are E. Bennett, of Port Jervis, N. Y., fireman on the regular, and William Dimeglio of Maybrook, N. Y., a fireman on the extra.

The accident is said to have been due to a mistake in orders given, which was discovered too late to avert the accident.

GRAHAM-WHITE MARRIED AGAIN

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Flight Commander Claude Graham-White was married at the registry office yesterday to Ethel Levey, the actress.

Commander Graham-White, first wife, who was Miss Dorothy Taylor of New York, obtained a divorce in London last June. Ethel Levey formerly was the wife of George M. Cohen of New York. Their marriage was dissolved in 1907.

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The prizes in the button contest were won by Edna Douglas, Mary McPartland, Nellie Halloran, Mrs. John Brennan, Mrs. Michael Lynch and Mrs. Martin Douglas. The musical program included the following numbers: Piano duet, Madeline, Mary and Mary Bernard; reading, Isabel Kegan; duet, Gertrude Kennedy and Bernice Quill; piano solo, Florida MacFarland; reading, Margarette McCann; piano solo, Sadie Lyons. The committee on charge were the Misses Helen Douglas, Gertrude Kennedy, Edith Taylor, Madeline Mayo, Mary Bernard, Josephine Lyons, Alice Regan, Sadie Lyons and Mary and Anne Garrity.

BRITISH BARK ON ROCKS

WOODS HOLE, Dec. 22. The British bark Mary Duff was thrown onto the rocks at Tarpaulin Cove in Nantuxet Sound today. She was pounding there on a lee shore in an increasing easterly wind while the coast guard cutter Aushnet sped to her assistance from New Bedford and coast guardsmen from the station at Cuttyhunk, seven miles away, went to the scene in their motor launch.

The Mary Duff, loaded with potatoes, from Charlestown, P. E. I.,

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NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Gulf Towing Co. today announced a bonus of 10 per cent of one year's salary to employees of more than six months service who receive less than \$2500 annually.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Lloyds reports the sinking of the British steamship Itonus.

The Itonus was in the service of the British government.

HARRY HANANEL MARKS DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Harry Hananel Marks, editor and chief proprietor of the financial News died in London last night aged 61 years.

STORM IN BUFFALO, N. Y.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Six inches of heavy wet snow that fell here in less than 2 hours today crippled street car service in the city and on interurban lines.

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CHAMP CLARK TO REMAIN SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Special to The Sun
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—If present congressional plans as revealed by inside confidential disclosures are true, the reorganization of the house at the beginning of the 65th congress will show a big change, not only in personnel but in matters of procedure and committees.
First: Hon. Champ Clark, democrat, will retain the speakership of the house, even though republicans have control by a very small margin.
Second: The republican membership on house committees will be increased on each important committee so as to leave the democratic majority not over one or two, instead of the large majority now existing.
Third: The power of naming committee appointments will be taken from the ways and means committee and restored to the speaker.
This arrangement would give the republicans much added power without forcing them to risk defeat by party splits and dissension, and there is strong reason to believe such a compromise may be agreed upon. It is a sort of "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush" plan for both the democrats and republicans.

speaker, but with the slender thread on which each great party must hang its faith for leadership, the chances are in favor of the adoption of a safety first policy, which will give the speakership to Mr. Clark, coupled with increased committee power for the republicans.
A few years ago the power of naming committee chairman—which in the national house is a very great power—was taken from the speakership and turned over to the house committee on ways and means. Perhaps there was bossism in the old days, but it was by no means stamped out by the new method. It merely changed the bossism into the hands of the big southern majority on the ways and means committee, instead of leaving it in the hands of the speaker. The committees now have a democratic majority from three to five on each important committee, so the minority views meet no recognition. It is proposed as a part of the compromise arrangement to lessen this majority by bringing it down to one or two, either by dropping of democrats or increasing the size of the committees. This would give the republicans a chance to be heard on big matters of special interest to their constituents, instead of being crowded to the wall as is now the case. It is believed by party leaders, that by these three great mutual concessions the republicans would gain a stronger foothold than by pressing their claims as a small majority, while the democrats would gain prestige by keeping in power through another session of the speaker and coveted chairmanships. With democratic president, a democratic senate and only a majority of one or two in the house, the road to republican success in the house would be uncertain and stormy, but as a hunter against railroad through objectionable measures, that slender majority is likely to be a power. If a factional split in speaker, committee chairmanships and the like can be avoided, as would be done if the democrats are left in nominal control.

PLAN NEW HOTEL AT SALISBURY BEACH

NEWBURYPORT, Dec. 22.—A three-story cement 50-room hotel will be one of the notable additions to the buildings at Salisbury beach the coming season. It will be located south of the center and not far from Hotel Kelly.
The owner is to be Fred A. Consoletti, proprietor of the Hotel Napoli of Lawrence, and the general contractor is M. J. Langwin also of Lawrence. The lumber that is to go into the construction will be furnished by the A. J. Brooks Construction company of this city.
Work on the hotel has been started, excavation for the cement foundation having been made. The cement block factory has been started and cement blocks are being made as rapidly as possible. The shortage of competent workmen is already experienced by the contractor, but he expects to have a full gang before long.
There is a report not fully authenticated that a large picture house, with stores will be put up in the spring, just south of the Ocean Hotel and between the cement wall and the ocean. The signs all point to a continuation of the aggressive and progressive policy of the new owners of the beach to make it a summer resort that will attract an increasingly large number of people.

PLAN NEW HOTEL AT SALISBURY BEACH

destitute circumstances. The fire destroyed much of the furniture and practically all the food that was in the house.
The case was referred to the Lowell Humane society and C. Frederick Gilmore, assistant agent, upon making an investigation found that the woman had been forced to work to support her children owing to her husband being confined at the house of correction in Cambridge. Later, however, she had been out of work and found it hard to make both ends meet.
The police officers on the last known address of the woman, reading the valuable assistance both in the way of money and having groceries and provision dealers in the vicinity send food to the house. When the matter was reported to the Humane society, Mr. Gilmore saw that plenty of food was furnished the family. The woman will also receive a basket from the Humane society.
Those responsible for the welfare of the woman and her three children at the present time are Patrolman William H. Killey and Patrick Connelly and Mr. Gilmore of the Humane society.

CHARTER GRANTED TO THE MORRIS PLAN COMPANY

Special to The Sun
STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 22.—Commissioner of Corporations William D. T. Trefry has granted a charter under the Massachusetts business corporation law to the Lowell Morris Plan company, with a capital stock of \$100,000, consisting of one thousand shares having a par value of \$100 each.
The main purpose of the corporation is expressed as follows:
"To promote and encourage frugality and habits of thrift among its customers, particularly wage-earners, by extending credit and financial assistance to persons of integrity at reasonable rates; by encouraging and providing the means for the systematic investment of small funds, and thus to establish an institution upon a sound and conservative basis, which will be helpful to the working men and at the same time reasonably remunerative to the capital invested."
Robert F. Madden is president of the corporation, and subscribers for ten shares of its stock, John H. Murphy is treasurer, and holds a single share of stock. The board of directors contains in addition to the officers, the following representative citizens, with their stock subscriptions: Clifford H. Ayres of New York, 155 shares; J. Harry Boardman, 10 shares; W. Herick Brown, Sharon, 1 share; Harold L. Chaffoux, Boston, 10 shares; Edward B. Curney, 5 shares; Austin K. Chadwick, 10 shares; Frederic C. Church, 10 shares; Frank E. Dunbar, 5 shares; Harry Dunlap, 10 shares; Frederic A. Fisher, 5 shares; Joseph H. Guillet, 5 shares; Percy Guillemin, 20 shares; John H. Harrington, 10 shares; J. Gilbert Hill, 5 shares; John A. Hunnewell, 5 shares; James H. Leighton, 10 shares; Albert D. Milliken, 5 shares; William A. Mitchell, 10 shares; Franklin Nourse, 10 shares; James P. Owens, 5 shares; John Jacob Rogers, 10 shares; Arthur T. Safford, 5 shares; John F. Sawyer, 10 shares; and George Stevens of Tewksbury, 10 shares.
Twenty per cent of each man's subscription is to be paid in at once, and the balance whenever called for by the board of directors. HOYT.

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD DECLARES DIVIDEND

BOSTON BRANCH ANNOUNCES INITIAL DIVIDEND AT RATE OF 6 PER CENT
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The federal reserve bank of Boston today announced an initial dividend at the rate of 6 per cent payable Jan. 2 to stockholders of record Dec. 30, 1916. The dividend will be participated in by 399 national banks and one trust company in New England.

GERMAN SUBMARINE U-45 SUNK BY DESTROYER

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The German submarine U-45 has been sunk by destroyers, according to a Nantes despatch. The U-45 recently sunk steamers off Saint Nazaire.

INCREASE THE PRICE OF DAILY NEWSPAPERS

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 22.—All the daily newspapers in Altoona announced today that beginning Jan. 1, the price will be two cents a copy instead of one cent as at present.

"A MAN'S HOME IS HIS CASTLE"

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 22.—Upholding the contention that "a man's home is his castle and he has a right to defend it," which Judge John L. McCall emphasized in his charge to the jury in federal court here yesterday, a second Matthew Harris, 322,500, compensatory and \$20,000 punitive damages in his suit against John A. Richman, former sheriff of Shelby county, and members of the sheriff's posse.
Harris, who sued for \$100,000, was severely injured when his home was dynamited in an attempt to dislodge him after he had fired on the posse which was searching for one of his relatives. Harris testified that he was not aware of the identity of the men when he resisted their efforts to search his home.
Richman was exempted from the verdict for punitive damages, as it was shown that he was not actually a member of the posse.

TAX ON THEATRE TICKETS

PAIDERS, Dec. 22.—The chamber of commerce has approved a batch of new taxes, among them a graduated tax on theatre and vaudeville tickets. Moving picture establishments must pay 5 per cent on monthly receipts under \$5000, 10 per cent from \$5000 to \$25,000, 15 per cent from \$25,000 to \$50,000, and 25 per cent on receipts in excess of \$50,000.
Ferry fares per hundred miles is imposed on reduced fares. The price of admission is also raised as well as the rates on letter and postal card postage, telephone, telephone calls and money orders.

DIED SUDDENLY

Genel H. Foster Dropped Dead at the Home of C. M. Allen in South Chelmsford

Genel H. Foster, a well known resident of South Chelmsford, died suddenly last evening at the home of C. M. Allen on Maple road, South Chelmsford, death being due to heart disease. Mr. Foster complained during the day of not feeling well, but at that time it was not thought that his condition was serious. In the evening he partook of luncheon and at 6:30 o'clock he shortly after his meal he dropped to the floor, and when picked up it was found that he had passed away.
He was 80 years of age and was married by a Miss Allen, 2112, Elm street of this city, four years and two months.

CONCORD CARMEN RAISED

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 22.—As a result of conferences between a committee of the local street railway men's union and officials of the Concord, N. H., street railway, the women have secured an increase. The daily now carries from 22 to 25 cents, instead of 22 to 25 cents an hour, as formerly.

New men will start at the lower rate and will be increased each year for five years, when the maximum will be reached.

Several Presents More to Get —You're Stumped—Make Them Jewelry From Peltier's

Jewelry is the real gift. Our stock is composed of the sort of things men want, keep and use for years. To women of all ages, jewelry, too, since time began, has been a graceful offering. This is indeed THE CHRISTMAS-GIFT-JEWELRY STORE

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT NORMAL SCHOOL

A beautiful Christmas program was carried out this forenoon at the State Normal school, the main feature being the singing of Christmas carols by the entire school. Several friends of the institution and relatives of the pupils were present and to each was given a program printed in green and red with a quotation on a "Call to Happiness" from Washington Irving, over which was pictured a peal of bells. The borders were of holly in green with red berries and on the page opposite the program was printed the following verse by Margaret Deland:
At the break of Christmas day
Through the frosty sunlight singing,
Faint and sweet and far away,
Comes the sound of children singing,
Chanting, singing,
"Come to mourn for Christ is born
Peace and joy to all men bringing."
Following is the program:
Carol, "Silent Night," Franz Gruber
The School
A Group of Christmas Poems for Children.
Miss Hope A. Padden
Two Carols (Traditionally)
a "I Saw Three Ships,"
b "The First Noel."
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Reading, "The Little Henchback Zoo"
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Mr. Brown
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| \$ 2.00 Velvet Shapes, Now..... | 98c |
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Advance Spring Styles in Satin Hats at \$1.98, \$2.48 and \$2.98
New Fancies, Ornaments, Flowers, Paradise, etc., at Lowest Prices.

Buy your Millinery in the Specialty Store. Special attention given to order work.

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ENTENTE DIPLOMATS TO ADVISE FRIENDLY REPLY TO NOTE

NEW BRITISH DRIVE ON BAGDAD; EL ARISH, EGYPT, CAPTURED

It became known at city hall this morning that several clerks in the building had received a substantial Christmas present in the form of a salary increase. Commissioner William W. Duncan being the Santa Claus in all cases but three, which came under the mayor's department. These salary increases will go into effect the first of the year.

J. Hector Lavallee in the treasurer's office received a salary increase from \$1050 to \$1150 a year; Walter H. Bruce in the supply department from \$939 to \$1035.50; Miss Anna McPherson in the treasurer's office, from \$800 to \$1000; James J. Dunfee in the auditor's office, from \$1400 to \$1450; Miss Mary H. Downey in the supplies department from \$16.50 to \$18.00 a week, and James J. Redmond in the office of registrars of voters, from \$2.00 to \$2.50 a day.

Salaries of the three police chauffeurs were raised by Mayor O'Donnell from \$16.50 to \$18.00 a week, and the men who will receive this increase are Leo Hoban, Carl Noyes, and Fred Cotter. There were rumors of other expected increases in the various departments.

Park Department

The park department had six men out at Shepley park today flooding the

skating area in anticipation of freezing weather and good skating for Sunday and Christmas. The suggestion that a polling booth with a stove be set up as a shelter, was being carried out and this will be left at the park until late in February.

The members of the park commission have been invited to attend an international forestry conference in Washington, January 18 and 19, 1917. The two main topics to be discussed are the elimination of the white pine blister and the possible imposition of a federal quarantine against the importation of foreign trees and plant stock.

Will Consider Cost

The engineers of the Locks and Canals corporation have had a conference with the mayor and city solicitor relative to the request of the mayor that the corporation stand a certain portion of the cost of constructing the new Pawtucket bridge. A complete list of items has been furnished the engineers and the matter is to be taken up at a meeting of the directors during the coming week.

Chauffeurs

Twenty applicants for chauffeur's licenses were examined at city hall today by Messrs. Hubbell and Haley.

PARLIAMENT PROROGUED NO ACTION ON NOTE

LONDON, Dec. 22, 2:11 p. m.—Parliament was prorogued this afternoon without the members being given any further information regarding President Wilson's note or what action the government contemplated with respect to it.

The speech from the throne was one of the briefest on record. It expressed confidence in the ultimate victory of the allies and determination to prosecute the war "until we have vindicated the rights so ruthlessly violated by our enemies and established the security of Europe on a sure foundation."

Neither President Wilson's note nor the German peace proposals was mentioned in the king's speech. The only reference to the president's suggestion was made by Andrew Bonar Law, the government leader, in a reply to a question by Sir William Parnell, a pacifist member. Mr. Law declared that the question was one which could not be dealt with except in communication with the allies.

The text of the king's speech followed:

"My lords and gentlemen: Throughout the months that have elapsed since I last addressed you my navy and my army, in conjunction with those of our gallant and faithful allies, have by their unceasing vigilance and indomitable valor justified the high trust I placed in them. I am confident that however long the struggle, their efforts, supported by the indefatigable determination of all my subjects throughout the empire, will finally achieve the victorious consummation of those aims for which I entered into the war.

"My government has been re-constructed with the sole object of furthering those aims unflinching and unimpeded. I thank you for the unstinted liberality with which you continue to provide for the burdens of the war.

"The vigorous prosecution of the war must be our single end—ever until we have vindicated the rights so ruthlessly violated by our enemies and established the security of Europe on a sure foundation."

Don't Forget

To reserve your table for your Christmas dinner not later than Saturday 10 p. m.

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CHALIFOUX'S
ON THE SQUARE

RUBBERS

In 1823 a Boston sea-captain coming from South American ports brought with him a pair of rubbers which excited great interest. In 1825 five hundred pairs of rubbers made by the natives along the Amazon were brought into Boston and sold readily for \$3.00 to \$5.00 per pair for it was found they were a protection against dampness. A little later Goodyear found the secret of vulcanization, and rubbers were reduced in price.

Winter is coming with snow and rain, and Chalifoux offers you rubbers and rubber boots at reasonable prices.

Written by Alice L. Donahue of the Lowell High School Commercial Dept.

One More Shopping Day Before Christmas.

TWO BIG CANDY CANES FOR LOCAL EDITORS

Dudley L. Page, the famous candy maker, has made two mammoth Christmas canes which appear in his store window on Merrimack square. They are over seven feet high; one is white peppermint and the other red Christmas candy. They are both quite solid.

Mr. Page, through his store manager, Mr. Will Bell, has offered to make a present of these canes, one to the editor of The Sun, the other to the editor of the Courier-Citizen. The editor who guesses nearest to the weight of both canes will have first choice. It is hoped that after the two editors receive their canes, there will be more saccharine savagery in their utterances.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

WEAK, AILING CHILD

Made Strong By Delicious Vinol. Lakeport, N. H.—"Our little girl 5 years of age was in a debilitated, run-down condition and had a stubborn cough so she was weak and ailing all the time. Nothing helped her until we tried Vinol. Then her appetite increased and she is strong and well, and I wish other parents of weak, delicate children would try Vinol."—Geo. A. Collins.

This is because Vinol contains the tissue building, strengthening elements of beef and cod liver peptones, iron and manganese peptones, and glycerophosphates which a weak and run-down system needs. Liggett's Kidney-Liver Pills, Lowell Pharmacy, Routhier & Delisle, Props., Falls & Burckshaw, Lowell, also at the leading drug store in all Massachusetts towns.

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Pres. Wilson Looks for Frank Answer From the Belligerents—Ambassador Sharp Hands Note to Premier Briand—Berlin Receives Appeal—No Statement From England—Thousands Congratulate Pres. Wilson

PARIS, Dec. 22, 3 p. m.—William Graves Sharp, the American ambassador to France, delivered personally to Premier Briand between 7 and 8 o'clock last night Secretary of State Lansing's note to the belligerent nations. Paris newspapers this evening print the note textually.

TO ENDORSE WILSON'S NOTE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A resolution to have the house endorse President Wilson's peace notes was introduced today by Representative Bailey of Pennsylvania.

Senator Hitchcock made another futile effort to get consideration of a similar resolution in the senate. He introduced a resolution similar to the one referred yesterday to the foreign relations committee but Senator Gallinger, the republican leader, blocked its immediate consideration by asking that it go over a day under the rule.

Senator Hitchcock then announced that he would seek action on the resolution immediately after the holiday adjournment.

SENT TO ALL U. S. DIPLOMATS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Official copies of Secretary Lansing's two statements of yesterday on President Wilson's note to the belligerents have been sent to all American diplomats abroad for the information of the governments to which they are accredited. In order that there may be no misconception there of the president's purpose.

ADVISE FRIENDLY REPLY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—With the purposes of President Wilson's note to belligerents clarified by official statements on the subject, the attention of the United States has turned to the reception of the note in the

foreign capitals.

Diplomats here are eagerly watching for indications of whether the European neutrals will follow the lead of the United States and make a similar appeal to the warring powers. There is growing feeling that the United States hopes to become the clearing house for views and possibly for terms of the belligerents. Several of the diplomats have advised their governments to that effect in order to guide them in their replies.

Surprise at the fast growing significance of the president's move was expressed on all sides, where it was pointed out that at first the opinion prevailed that the note itself was merely a "feeler" and that the utmost immediately contemplated in issuing it was the receipt of some sort of definition from the various warring nations. That the president should let

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VILLA BEGINS ATTACK ON TORREON

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 22.—Francisco Villa's forces began an attack on Torreon this morning, according to unconfirmed reports received here today. The battle was said to be in progress at noon.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT SHIPPING BOARD

PRES. WILSON NAMES MEN TO HAVE SUPERVISION OVER FREIGHT RATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson today nominated as members of the government shipping board William Dammann, San Francisco; Bernard N. Baker, Baltimore; John A. Donahue, New York; John Barker White, Kansas City, Mo.; and Theodore Brent, New Orleans.

The board under the law will have general supervision over freight rates in American waters. It is empowered to organize a \$50,000,000 corporation to build or buy merchant ships.

The ships built or bought will be available to lease or charter by private interests but may be operated by the government should private concerns fail to take them. The intent of the law, aside from being to restore ships for American commerce, removed by the war, is to open up trade routes which private capital does not consider yet profitable enough for it to enter.

The ships may be used as naval

BODY FOUND IN POOL OF BLOOD

FALL RIVER, Dec. 22.—The body of Frank A. Puffer, 54 years old, was found in his shack on Cole's river in South Swansea this afternoon in a pool of blood. An axe nearby shows traces of having been used and Medical Examiner Cronin summoned finger print experts from the local police headquarters. All indications point to a murder, although no definite statement has been given out at this time.

Communion Sets—At Richard's.

COL. CODY, BUFFALO BILL, IS SERIOUSLY ILL

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 22.—Col. William F. Cody, (Buffalo Bill) is seriously ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. May Becker, in Denver. He is suffering from a nervous breakdown. He is 70 years old.

COLDEST OF SEASON

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Today was the coldest of the season in Chicago. The official thermometer registered 2 degrees below zero.

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auxiliaries in time of war. Mr. Dammann, who gets the longest term of six years, is a democrat and a lawyer with experience in admiralty cases.

Mr. Baker who was nominated for a five year term has had wide experience as a ship owner and for thirty years was president of the Atlantic Transport Line. He is a democrat.

Mr. Donahue, the third democrat member, was nominated for four years. He had had a life-long experience in the steamship business.

Mr. White, a republican, was nominated for three years. He is a lumberman and exporter.

Mr. Brent, the second republican who was nominated for two years, is a railroad man.

At the White House it was said he was a republican with "progressive ideas."

Under the law the board elects its own officers.

SALE OF DANISH WEST INDIES RATIFIED

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22, via London, 6:14 p. m.—King Christian, in the cabinet council today, ratified the treaty providing for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States.

TO PAY FOR SERVICE ON THE BORDER

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION OF \$28,400,000 FOR ARMY SUBMITTED BY SEC. BAKER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A deficiency appropriation of \$28,400,000 for the army on account of Mexican border service was submitted to the house today by Secretary Baker.

BONUS OF MONTH'S SALARY. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The American Express Co. today announced a bonus of one month's salary, payable in quarterly installments, to all employees who have been one year or longer in its service and who receive \$2000 or less annually.

WAGE INCREASE. CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Employees in the lumber trade throughout the country will receive an immediate wage increase of from 5 to 10 per cent. E. Hopper, secretary of the Lumbermen's association, announced here today.

C. Y. M. L.

The members of the C.Y.M.L. will receive communion in a body at the 7 o'clock mass Sunday, Dec. 24. Breakfast will be served in the room after which the regular election of the board of directors will be held. Per order,

PATRICK J. McGARRELL, Pres.
JAMES BRUN, Rec. Sec.

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At DELORME, The Hatter
OPEN EVERY NIGHT
Fur Caps and Hats Repaired
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While wintry weather is causing military operations on most of the fighting fronts to lack features of interest, considerable activity is developing in sectors far enough south to admit of energetic campaigning.

To Resume March on Bagdad

On the Tigris the British, after a long period of quiet, have recently pushed forward close to Kur-el-Amara on the south and are continuing to attack the Turkish forces in that region, evidently in the hope of resuming

ing their long delayed march toward Bagdad.

British Capture El Arish

Now another field of activity is demanding attention with today's announcement from London that British forces have captured El Arish, in Egypt, on the Mediterranean, 90 miles east of the Suez canal.

Important Success For Allies

Little has been heard from the Egyptian operations for some time. Continued to page seven

CALLS WILSON'S NOTE A CHRISTMAS BOMBSHELL

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Globe today gives a secondary place to its comment upon President Wilson's note which is made in a satirical vein under the heading "What is the matter with him?"

"We sincerely hope President Wilson is not unwell," says the Globe, "yet we find ourselves gravely doubtful as to his physical well-being."

The newspaper proceeds to ask if the president has never heard of what the Germans did in Belgium and Serbia and confesses that it finds itself unable to believe he knows these things when he describes the central powers as desirous of securing small states against aggression. The high cost of living is said to be having an average American citizen very hard indeed, which may account in some measure for the milk of human kindness to the presidential cocoon.

The Star in its comment says: "President Wilson's note is a Christmas bombshell. It comes as a complete surprise to us. Let us say at

once that the allies in general and Great Britain in particular ought to treat it with the most sympathetic respect and give it most friendly, most careful consideration.

"Mr. Wilson is one of the greatest presidents of one of the greatest nations of the world. He stands for the things that we as a nation believe in. His ideals are our ideals. We gladly give his words the hearing due to a friend speaking in behalf of friends. We refuse to question his sincerity or his single-mindedness.

"There could be no worse mistake than to think Mr. Wilson is doing to the allies what President Lincoln decided the European powers would do during the fight for the Union. We did not ask President Lincoln to save Lancashire at the expense of American liberty and we are confident Mr. Wilson will not ask us to sacrifice our liberty in order to mitigate the hardships which the war inflicts upon Americans."

BIG FIRE NEAR QUEBEC; NUN PERISHED

QUEBEC, Dec. 22.—Fire today destroyed the Roman Catholic cathedral, the convent of the French nuns and the bishop's palace, at Clarke City. Seven islands. One of the nuns lost her life. A gasoline lamp explosion was held responsible for the blaze.

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FUNERAL NOTICE

PARMENTER—The funeral of Charles Parmenter will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home of his parents, Charles and Mary, 25 Fairview street. Burial will be in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery. Funeral arrangements are in charge of C. H. Molloy's Sons.

SUN READERS

Who have not yet selected all their Christmas gifts will find many helpful suggestions in the advertisements displayed in today's editions of

THE SUN
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FOR A USEFUL AND APPRECIATED XMAS PRESENT SPECTACLES OR EYEGLASSES

to someone, with temporary lenses that can be changed after Xmas. Prices \$2 to \$10. Lorgnette, \$5 to \$20.

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MRS. SKEFFINGTON HERE TO LECTURE ON SHOOTING OF HER HUSBAND



♦ ♦ MRS. SKEFFINGTON AND SON OWEN ♦ ♦

Mrs. F. Sheehy Skeffington, widow of the Irish editor who was executed in Dublin on April 25, after the uprising headed by Sir Roger Casement, has come to this country to write and lecture about the conditions which led up to the death of her husband. She is living in New York with her seven-year-old son, Owen.

"I am not willing to tell how I got here," said Mrs. Skeffington. "The British government refused to give me a passport, but I was determined to come to the United States and tell the people about my husband's murder. For that is what it amounted to. I don't know how long I will remain. That will depend upon how my work progresses."

Mrs. Skeffington said there was much that would interest the American people about her husband's death and the causes leading up to it. Skeffington was one of the more conspicuous anti-British propagandists of Ireland and fought against the enlistment of his countrymen under the flag of Great Britain.

USE RHINOCEROS HORN AS CURE FOR TYPHOID FEVER

WENCHOW, Chekiang Province, China, Dec. 22.—Rhinceros horn is one of the chief remedies resorted to by Chinese doctors in the treatment of typhoid fever.

An epidemic of typhoid recently swept through this city and resulted in the death of many persons. During the epidemic, doctors had an opportunity to study the treatment of the disease used by native physicians. Cold towels were applied to the head of the patient, while the abdomen was covered with mud kept cool and moist by frequent application of cold water. Some of the more prosperous patients were given as much as twelve dollars worth of ground rhinceros horn in a single day.

SAVE SPACE IN TRAINS
BERLIN, Dec. 22.—To save space in the trains, reduce their size and thereby diminish the amount of coal used, the German railways are soon to abolish the long-jointed compartments for women only. Likewise the compartments for passengers with dogs are to go.

Embark at Barchin

Men's Presents

Gillette Safety Razors in gold, silver and nickel-plated cases. Also in Parkman Ivory, Plagskin, Red or Black Morocco.

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We Will Do Our Best to Serve You Today and Tomorrow

A QUARTER CENTURY AGO

Christmas, quarter of a century ago, fell on Friday, and concerning the weather the old Sun said: "Few, even of the oldest people in the city, remember such weather as this at Christmas. It is very healthy owing to the fact that there has been no intense cold, no frost, and no severe winds, and because the temperature is very changeable."

But the general health of the city was fairly good at Christmas quarter of a century ago and the Sun commented with conditions in Manchester, N. H., at that time, in which a terrible epidemic of grip was raging.

A Christmas Murder

In days gone by it seemed to be

Christmas ill-fate to be visited by a

crime event either at Thanksgiving

or Christmas. As a result of the

season of such dire happenings the

police came to anticipate them each

year, though happily in recent years

they have not occurred. On Christmas eve quarter of a century ago, Frank L. Moulton, a barber, killed his wife with an axe in their tenement in Appleton street. Moulton had worked all day for Joseph G. Lake, who not long ago met a tragic fate himself, and upon going home late at night committed the murder. He was caught in a local hotel the following day.

John Redmond Elected

Those who follow events in Ireland

will be interested to learn that it was

just quarter of a century ago tomorrow

that Hon. John E. Redmond, the

celebrated Irish leader, was elected to

parliament from Waterford, after a

bitter fight. A short time prior to the

election the great split in the Irish

party had occurred, two factions

springing up, the Parnellites and the

McCarthyites. Redmond represented

the Parnellites and his opponent was

no less a character than Michael Davitt,

who represented the McCarthyites.

Redmond received 175 votes

against 170 for Davitt. This was the

first election won by the Parnellites

since the split in the party and came

as a big surprise throughout Ireland.

Redmond's career since that time is

well known to all followers of Irish

history and politics, and he still has

the full confidence of a vast majority

of the people. He has been reformed

for Ireland than all the other

leaders combined.

Increases in Salaries

As this is the season for increases

in salaries at city hall, it may be

interesting to know what they did in

that quarter of a century ago. The

old Sun had the following:

"At a meeting of the committee on

salaries Monday afternoon the list of

salaries for 1902 was made up and will

be presented to the city council for

its endorsement. It contains the following

increases:

Mayor from \$2000 to \$2500; city

treasurer from \$1500 to \$2000; police

commissioner from \$400 to \$500; registrar

of voters from \$200 to \$250; assistant

treasurer, each from \$1000 to \$1200;

superintendent of public buildings,

from \$1000 to \$1200. The salary of

inspector of milk and vinegar, which

heretofore has not been on the list,

was added and fixed at \$300 which is

a considerable increase.

When the position of milk inspector

was established by law it did not

amount to much in this city, for a few

years ago it paid only \$200 per year.

But the late Mayor Allen who accepted

the position took a special course in

chemistry and made a study of his

work with the result that he developed

the office into one of the greatest im-

portance to the community. As the of-

fice increased in importance its salary

increased. When the office was

first established a host of candidates

went after it annually, simply looking

for the \$200 per year, but there was then

no work to the job. After Mayor Al-

len got the office in shape he had no

opposition from year to year, regard-

less of the political complexion of the

city government.

Police Officers Appointed

Says the old Sun:

"At a meeting of the board of alder-

men held Thursday evening, the follow-

ing policemen were appointed: Frank

Box, B. W. Stowell, John P. Ryan, Francis P. Moore, John

E. Leachman, and James C. Day. The

following officers were appointed to

the police force: Michael O'Brien,

John J. Mulvey, J. T. Hurley, Jas.

McCarthy, and Charles J. Heron."

Mayor, Edward, Markham, and

Mulvey still on the regular force.

The Merrimack River

Appears in the recent report made

by the Merrimack river commission

relative to the Merrimack river

is that the Sun of quarter of a

century ago on the same subject, the

board of

government report speaking of

what he then wrote to make the Mer-

rimack river navigable says:

"Seven incorporated cities and the largest mills in New England are interested in this improvement. The project which provides for the removal of obstructions has been completed with the exception of the removal of the 'Boilers' at Newburyport harbor. Additional improvements are recommended, however, that will cost \$11,000. To extend the improvement so that the same depth of water as is now obtained through Mitchell's falls can be carried to Lawrence will require a further appropriation of \$11,000. The improved channel is in good order."

People's Club Entertainment

Says the old Sun:

"On Saturday the entertainment of the People's club, women's branch, was in charge of Miss M. J. Clifton. The program was as follows: Mando- lin solo, Prof. Lebarge; reading, Miss Maggie McKinnon; piano duet, Miss Clifton and Miss Edith Phillips; song, John Boyd; reading, Miss Mary Jen- kins; piano duet, Miss Clifton and Miss Sylvia Symonds; song, Mrs. Tarr; piano solo, Miss Clifton.

Feasted the Horse

Says the Sun of quarter of a cen-

tury ago:

"Mr. Fred G. Mitchell on Tuesday evening gave a banquet to the contractors and workmen on the new building which had just been completed. Postmaster Burbank was toastmaster and the speakers were Hon. A. B. Plympton, Rev. Dr. Dana, Judge Pickman and Capt. Hanson. Cyrus Johnson gave several comic songs and Prof. Plummer gave recitations in dialect to the great delight of the audience. The American orchestra furnished music. The horse that had done the derrick work was feasted in front of the door outside, and was covered by a canvas bearing the inscription: 'I raised the bricks used in the building.' The whole affair was highly enjoyed by all."

THE OLD TIMER.

Fountain Pens—Ricard's

SUPPORT FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—The General Electric

company announces that during the

fiscal year 1915-16, just completed, it

paid 7,548,439 marks for the support

of families of its employees who have

been drawn into the army.

The annual report further shows

that the works are fully engaged, and

are devoted in large measure to the

service of the empire. After deducting

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BOSTON

taxes, extra expenses, interest on obligations and sinking fund items, there remains for this year a net profit of 27,193,409 marks, as against 21,295,115 marks in 1914-15.

A general stockholders' meeting has been called, at which it is planned to declare a dividend of 12 per cent on 155 millions of marks worth of old stock, and 6 per cent on the 28 millions of marks of new stock issued during the year. One million and a half will be voted to charitable purposes.

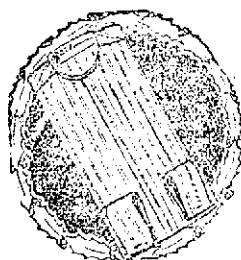
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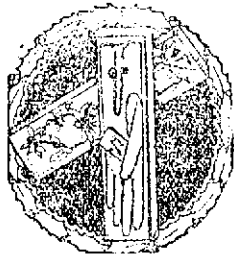
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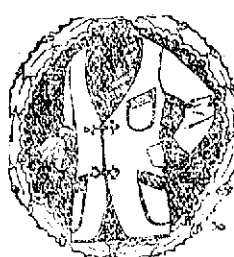
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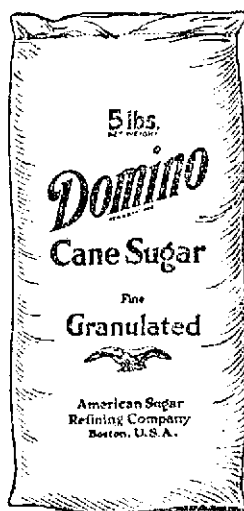
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Nut Tarts
Honey Cakes

Sugar Cookies
Fig Cookies
Spice Cookies

Chocolate Fudge
Peanut Brittle
Sugar Mints

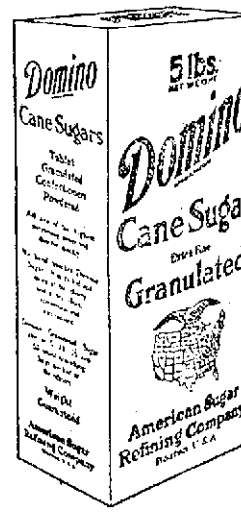
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PEACE NOW, WAR IN VAIN SAYS BONAR LAW

LONDON, Dec. 22.—There was further discussion of Germany's peace offer in the House of Commons last night. Sir John A. Simon, on behalf of himself and a group of followers, gave unqualified support to Premier Lloyd George's speech in the House of Commons and then Hastings L. Smith, liberal member for Northampton, in military uniform, sounded a new note—urging that the German proposals be allowed to see the light of day.

Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer and member of the war council, promptly rose in behalf of the government and declared that if the tone of Mr. Smith's speech permeated the country, then all the blood and treasure which had been spent in the war would have been spent in vain.

"My understanding," said Mr. Smith in his address, "is that the principle of the premier to the House of Commons was to the effect that the door was not yet closed. That is a wise answer and the best possible answer at this stage."

"The German proposals should be allowed to see the light of day. If they are not, an aggressive purpose, then the German people will realize that they are not suffering and dying for their mere existence, as they have been told. . . . If it were put to a vote of the men at the front whether—provided we could obtain guarantees that our honorable obligations would be fulfilled—we should then make a serious effort to get the parties together, then I am certain such a proposition would be carried by virtual unanimity."

"I am not prepared to take the prospect of a military decision, which means a war of attrition, unless I am convinced there is no other way out. I believe in the security scheme by which the nations agree together each to guarantee all and all guarantees each. An attempt to hold the Central Empire down by a military decision, followed by economic strangulation, would mean carrying forward into peace all hostilities and hatreds of the war. It would divide Europe into two hostile camps and would make war more inevitable and deadly than ever and would foster consumption and militarism forever on all nations."

Bonar Law said: "If the spirit of the speech to which we have just listened were to permeate the country, I believe that all the blood and treasure which have been spent in the war would have been spent in vain."

"It is all very well to say, 'Let us get their terms of peace.' Yes, but

can you get any terms more binding than the treaty for the protection of the neutrality of Belgium? Can you come to any conclusion on paper or by promises that will give us greater security than we had before this war? Not this nation alone, but the neutral nations, will, I hope, understand the position at which we have now arrived. Germany has made peace proposals? On what basis? On the basis of her victorious armies. Is there a man who, considering the conditions under which this was forced on us and the conditions under which the war has been carried on, honestly believes that the dangers and insecurities from which we have suffered can be cured in any way than but by making the Germans realize that frightfulness does not pay, that militarism is not going to rule the world?

"What are we fighting for? Not territory, not greater strength as a nation. We are fighting for two things—for peace now and for security for peace in time to come. Let the house remember that what has happened in this war—outrages in Belgium, outrages by sea and land, massacres in Armenia which Germany could have stopped by a word—then realize this: The war will have been fought in vain, utterly in vain, unless we can make sure that it shall never again be in the power of any state to do what Germany has done."

"Is peace to come in this war on the basis that the greatest crime in the world's history is to go absolutely unpunished? It is my firm belief that unless all the nations in the world can be made realize that there must be no victor, there can never be an enduring peace."

"I am not afraid. I am sure our troops will fight to the end. If the people at home, who up to now have made few sacrifices, except the sacrifice of those dear to them, are determined in this matter, and if they believe that the objects for which they are fighting can be secured, then there is no sacrifice we are not prepared to make."

Noel E. Buxton, liberal member of North Norfolk, expressed the hope that the government will welcome the aid of America in negotiating the terms of peace.

Mr. Buxton paid tribute to the generosity of the United States toward Belgium and to the help it had given the empire in the war, and said: "There are 30,000 Americans fighting for us; America is with us in the war because of the invasion of Belgium and the German campaign of frightfulness."

IRISH PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED BY ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The government has decided to release the Irish prisoners who were interned after the rebellion in Ireland. Henry E. Dake, chief secretary for Ireland, announced in his house of commons yesterday.

"The time has come when the advantages of releasing these men far outweigh the risk and I have so advised the government. Steps therefore were taken today to prepare the best possible terms for their release."

According to the statement of the secretary for home affairs in the house of commons last October, there were 576 Irishmen interned in connection with the recent rebellion.

THREE ACCIDENTS IN DORCHESTER IN HOUR

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—There were three accidents in Dorchester last night within an hour. Seven persons were injured and two street cars badly damaged. The most serious accident occurred at 5.10 on Norfolk street at Corbet street, the teaming of the Norfolk street car, when an outboard car in charge of Albert J. McDonald crashed into the inbound Essex street car in charge of Charles Duffy. Motorman McDonald said his brakes refused to work. The motor car was 25 minutes, living at 22 Argonne street, Dorchester, was taken to the City hospital in the ambulance of station 19, with multiple injuries to his back and knees and cuts on the hands and face. Motorman McDonald was cut with a knife and a knife. Philip X. Hall and Paulman Edward Moore, riding in the vestibule of the inbound car, were shaken up and cut. Moore going to the City hospital.

There were eight passengers on the

\$2,500,000 PLEDGED FOR AID OF THE JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Nearly \$2,500,000 for the relief of Jewish war sufferers in Europe was pledged at a great mass meeting in Carnegie hall last night. Jacob H. Schiff of this city and Julius S. Rosenwald of Chicago headed the list with \$100,000 each. A total of \$166,975 was subscribed by 40 persons.

The meeting was the first step in a campaign undertaken by the American Jewish Central committee and the People's Relief committee to realize \$2,500,000 for war relief measures in 1917. The subscriptions received last night came not only from New York, but from all parts of the country. Thousands of Jews who had not been supplied with necessities hurried to the hall before the doors opened. Rich and poor, old and young, struggled for admission. Prosperous business men rushed about with struggling immigrants who had brought their families to learn what they could do to aid the homeless and starving in war-torn Europe. Women and girls who toiled all day in shops and stores went bareheaded so that they might be on hand early.

The floor of the hall and the stage were filled early by representative Jews and their sympathizers in the fund campaign.

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Busy! Busy! On All Floors—So Many Gift Things to Tell About 'Tis Hard to Tell Where to Begin. These Items Below—Their Story Briefly Told—May Help You With Your Gift List.

Gifts for the Elderly Men

Morris Chairs.....	\$10.25 to \$28.00
Slippers.....	49c to \$2.00
Neckties.....	25c to \$2.00
Gloves.....	50c to \$5.00
Scarfs.....	50c to \$5.00
Handkerchiefs.....	5c to 50c
Thermos Bottles.....	\$1.19 to \$3.75
Smoking Jackets.....	\$5.00 to \$8.00
Bill Books.....	50c to \$3.50
Razors.....	39c up
Lounging Robes.....	\$3.00 to \$9.00
Auto Robes.....	\$6.75
Flash Lights.....	49c to \$2.25
Smokers' Stands.....	\$1.75 to \$15.00

Gifts for the Elderly Women

Rockers.....	\$4.50 to \$9.95
Felt Slippers.....	49c to 98c
Cedar Chests.....	\$11.00 to \$20.00
Set of Furs.....	\$19.75 to \$65.00
Neckwear.....	25c to \$3.00
Kimonos.....	98c to \$5.98
Gloves.....	\$1.15 to \$2.50
Beaded Bags.....	75c to 98c
Wool Vests.....	75c to 98c
Electric Reading Lamps.....	\$3.98 to \$20.00
Stationery.....	25c to \$3.98
Lace Curtains.....	All Prices
Aprons.....	25c to \$1.49

Gifts for the Little Girl

Pianos.....	
Teddy Bears.....	25c to \$2.98
Hair Bow Ribbon.....	
Coin Purses.....	25c and 50c
Bath Robes.....	98c to \$1.98
Sweaters.....	
Doll Carriages.....	50c to \$10.00
Character Dolls.....	25c to \$1.50
Felt Slippers.....	39c to \$1.00
Mittens.....	12½c to \$1.15
Skates.....	\$1.49 and \$1.75
Fur Sets.....	\$1.25 to \$12.50
Coats.....	All Prices
Scarf and Cap Sets.....	50c to \$2.00

Gifts for the Average Men

Mackinaws.....	\$5.00 to \$9.00
Cuff Links.....	25c to \$4.98
Suspenders.....	25c and 50c
Neckwear.....	25c to \$2.00
Hosiery.....	12½c to \$1.00
Pajamas.....	\$1.00 and \$1.50
Reading Lamps.....	\$3.98 to \$20.00
Slippers.....	49c to \$2.00
Sweaters.....	\$1.00 to \$7.00
Scarfs.....	50c to \$5.00
Shirts.....	50c to \$4.00
Military Brushes.....	98c to \$2.98
Traveling Bags.....	\$2.39 to \$14.00
Umbrellas.....	69c to \$3.50

Gifts for the Average Women

China Closets.....	\$15.00 to \$40.00
Waists.....	98c to \$7.50
Corset Covers.....	25c to \$1.98
Gloves.....	\$1.15 to \$4.50
Handkerchiefs.....	5c to 50c
Silk Petticoats.....	\$1.98 to \$5.00
Phone Tables.....	\$5.95 to \$9.00
Hosiery.....	25c to \$1.50
Umbrellas.....	69c to \$3.50
Rugs.....	All Prices
Bath Robes.....	\$1.98 to \$5.98
Embroidered Gowns.....	All Prices
Sweaters.....	98c to \$7.50
Table Cloths.....	All Prices

Gifts for the Little Boys

Flash Lights.....	49c to \$2.25
Gloves.....	65c to \$1.25
Sweaters.....	\$1.00 to \$3.00
Erectors.....	\$1.00 to \$10.00
Tool Chests.....	\$1.98 to \$3.75
Rocking Horses.....	
Skates.....	49c, 89c, \$1.49
Footballs.....	\$1.00 to \$2.25
Drums.....	25c to \$3.98
Blocks.....	25c to 50c
Mechanical Toys.....	75c to \$5.50
Shirts.....	50c and 75c
Games.....	25c to \$2.50
Sleds.....	75c up

Gifts for Young Men

Reading Lamps.....	\$3.98 to \$20
Student Bags.....	\$1.15 to \$5.00
Smoking Jackets.....	\$5.00 to \$8.00
Neckwear.....	25c to \$2.00
Pairs of Skates.....	49c, 89c, \$1.49
Toilet Cases, rubber lined.....	50c to \$1.98
Pajamas.....	\$1.00 and \$1.50
Safety Razors.....	59c to \$3.75
Sweaters.....	\$1.00 to \$7.00
Bath Robes.....	\$3.00 to \$9.00
Sheep Lined Coats.....	\$4.50 to \$8.50
Mufflers.....	\$3.00 to \$5.00
Suit Cases.....	\$1.00 to \$5.00
Mackinaws.....	\$5.00 up

Gifts for Young Ladies

Music Cabinets.....	\$8.95 to \$17.95
Stationery.....	25c to \$3.98
Ivory Novelties.....	25c to \$5.50
Manicure Sets.....	\$2.50 and \$3.00
Jewel Cases.....	25c to \$3.00
Perfume.....	25c to \$5.00
Silk Sweaters.....	\$3.98 to \$7.50
Gloves.....	\$1.15 to \$4.50
Music Bags.....	\$1.98 to \$4.98
Waists.....	98c to \$7.50
Boudoir Caps.....	25c to \$1.49
Set of Furs.....	\$19.75 to \$65.00
Brassieres.....	25c to \$3.49
Vanity Cases.....	50c to \$1.49

Gifts for the Baby

Knit Booties.....	19c to 75c
Fur Robes.....	\$2.98
Brush and Comb.....	49c to \$1.49
Picture Books.....	
Wool Cap and Scarf Sets.....	50c
Ribbon Rosettes.....	35c
Hot Water Bags.....	59c and 98c
White Fur Sets.....	\$1.25 to \$5.00
Teddy Bear Suits.....	\$3.98 and \$5.00
Knit Jackets.....	29c to \$1.49
Record Books.....	49c to \$1.49
Toy Animals.....	25c to \$1.00
Hosiery.....	12½c, 25c, 50c
Character Dolls.....	25c to \$1.50

SUSPECTS PLOT TO BOOST PRICE OF COAL

ANDERSON FINDS TRACE OF ILLEGAL COMBINATION—BOSTON SUFFERING FROM FOOD SHORTAGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—That there are grounds for the suspicion that the recent increase in the price of coal was the result of an "artificial and illegal combination," was the statement made here yesterday by George W. Anderson, federal district attorney at Boston, who is in charge of the government's national food and fuel inquiry.

Mr. Anderson came here to confer with Special Asst. United States Atty. Gen. Frank M. Swacker, in charge of the federal grand jury investigation in this city, after having held similar conferences with the federal and local authorities in Washington, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Chicago.

"When there are indications that the movement of coal has been checked not only on railroads, but at terminals," Mr. Anderson said, "there is reason to suspect that such action probably is the result of an artificial and illegal combination designed to reap extortionate profits through a speculative market."

"When you find coal brokers and coal dealers reconvening coal cars over and over again so as to delay delivery and thereby create a panic, you find a prima facie case."

"Such a condition is similar to that recently called by David Lloyd George 'profiteering.'"

"Boston," Mr. Anderson added, turn-

ing to the food situation, "is the only city at present suffering. It even has a shortage of its favorite foodstuff—beans, which are now selling at \$7 a bushel."

Mr. Anderson said that the department of agriculture, commerce and fisheries as well as the interstate commerce commission are co-operating in the investigation.

While the department of agriculture, Mr. Anderson explained, is doing much constructive work by warning the American people in times like these against waste and recklessness, the interstate commerce commission, through its force of inspectors, is tracing out over a large area the movement of cars and inquiring about transportation facilities.

SECOND CLASS EXAM.

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fully passed the second class examinations held in the Red Cross course this week: Fred Willett, Troop 1; Alfred Mettenger, Troop 2; and William Sullivan, Troop 2.

The following first class scouts were successful in passing the requirements for merit badges: Raymond Davis, Troop 1, first aid to animals; Fred Milton, Troop 15, first aid to animals; Donald S. Farrington, Troop 1, civility; Leonard G. Goss, Troop 1, civility; William Spencer Lander, Troop 10, life saving; Frederick Stevens, Troop 11, cycling and public health; Edmund Dunster, Troop 11, swimming and cycling; Rupert A. Rhodes, Troop 1, personal health.

A well attended social and dancing party was held last night in Association hall under the auspices of the Wausaukam Campers. The Milner-Horne orchestra furnished music for the dancing. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion and jolly regaled during the day. Those who were responsible for the success of the affair were as follows:

General manager, John Sullivan; assistant general manager, Edward Bueck; floor director, Leonard Goss; assistant floor director, John Conside; chief aid, George Kume; aids, Thomas McElholm, Robert Chumars and Frank O'Shea; treasurer, Timothy Lynch.

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MULLEN DENIED USE OF EVERETT ARMORY

PEARSON TURNS DOWN MAYOR-ELECT—INAUGURAL EXERCISES ON MULLEN'S DOORSTEPS.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Everett's inaugural will be held on Mayor-elect John J. Mullen's front doorstep. That was the ultimatum Mr. Mullen proclaimed last night, when he was informed that he will be denied the use of the Everett armory for the inaugural exercises.

"The inaugural will be held either in the Everett armory or on the front doorstep of my home, 100 Hancock street," was the ultimatum of the Mayor-elect. "Those who desire to witness the inaugural may gather in my front yard at the appointed time."

Mayor Chambers, the outgoing mayor of Everett, in a statement issued last night, said that the inaugural exercises will be held in the Everett high school hall according to the custom of recent years. He further insisted that the inaugural will not be held in the state armory.

Adjutant-General Pearson, who had tentatively granted permission to Mayor-elect Mullen to use the armory for the inaugural, has stated that when he gave the permit he was laboring under a misapprehension in that he thought at the time that Mr. Mullen had the authority of the city government of Everett in asking for the use of the armory.

"Mayor Chambers has nothing to do

with the inaugural," says Mayor-elect Mullen. "He will not even be invited to the inaugural. In the name of this people of Everett whom I represent I call on him to mind his own business."

BOY SCOUT CALENDAR

The Christmas number of the Boy Scout calendar has just been issued and copies are being distributed among the Boy Scouts of the city. The holiday spirit is strongly brought out in the edition. On the cover there is the following: "To the Boy Scouts of Greater Lowell, their scoutmasters, assistants and those who are doing their part in helping us to carry the scout program in spirit and deed, we wish you all a happy Christmas."

GREEK PEOPLE DIVIDED

Aristedes Poravaz, a young Greek, who recently arrived in Lowell says that the Greek people are divided in their allegiance, the soldiers being with King Constantine and the people with Venizelos. Aristedes lived in Lowell prior to the Balkan wars at which time he returned with many others and fought in the Greek army until a few months ago when his force was demobilized by the king at the demand of the allies. He says that conditions in Greece were very bad with a great deal of suffering and prohibitive prices. He thought of America without delay and as soon as possible came back to Lowell. When he left Greece the soldiers were strongly in favor of the king but the people believed in Venizelos who had gathered round him an army of 100,000. The people of Greece do not look for the defeat of Germany and think the war may end in a draw.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

GERMANY READY TO SUBMIT HER PEACE TERMS

LONDON, Dec. 22, 1.50 p. m.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from The Hague says it is announced semi-officially that should the entente allies in their reply to the peace proposals of the central powers leave the door open for negotiations, Germany will make known her chief peace terms immediately.

The German newspapers which contain the announcement declare that the speeches of Premier Lloyd George and Premier Briand do not contain a single word which justifies the supposition that the answer of the entente powers will deliberately reject Germany's peace offer and that, therefore, the German government will denote its attitude after receipt of the reply of the entente allies.

RUSSIA REJECTS NOTE

PETROGRAD, Dec. 21, via London, Dec. 22.—Since the text of the German peace proposal transmitted through the American embassy to the Russian foreign office is identical with the declaration already received unofficially through the press, the Russian government, The Associated Press in informed, considers that the offer of the central powers has already been adequately answered. The Russian reply in conjunction with Russia's allies, will be made purely as a matter of form and will contain no new point. It is stated that it will embody official sentiment heretofore expressed and will emphatically reject the proposal of the central powers as being vague and lacking of sincerity, as so regarded by the Russian government, do not permit of its serious consideration.

VORWAERTS DISAPPOINTED

BRERLIN, via London, Dec. 22.—The Vorwaerts, which was one of the first newspapers in Germany to talk of peace, expresses deep disappointment over the speech of Premier David Lloyd George. The paper cites passages from the speech which it claims the only logical inference is that, firstly, the German government make peace until it can do so upon the ruins of Germany's military power; secondly, the entente because Germany breaks treaties will make no treaty with Germany at all but will itself take substantial guarantees by force of arms; thirdly, that Germany must swallow the entente's terms whole and unseen before Lloyd George will condescend to negotiate.

"The whole tenor of the speech," says the Vorwaerts, "shows that Lloyd George uses the absence of terms in Germany's note as a mere pretext, whereas the real reason for his refusal of our offer is that Germany wants to negotiate rather than to surrender unconditionally."

NO CHARGE FOR ALTERATIONS

P&Q

FIVE LIVES LOST MASONIC HOME DESTROYED

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 22.—At least five persons are believed to have lost their lives and several are suffering from injuries as the result of a fire that destroyed the main building of the Kansas Masonic home here early today. In addition scores of old men and women and children suffered from the effects of smoke or from exposure in a temperature of 8 above zero.

Two bodies, so burned that identification seemed impossible, were taken from the ruins before noon. The home was the property of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Kansas. The chapel, valued at \$10,000 and the hospital valued at \$9000 were the only buildings saved. The loss was estimated at \$250,000. The fire started in the boiler room and had gained great headway before being discovered.

VILLA FOLLOWERS KILL FIFTY CARRANZISTAS

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 22.—Fifty constitutionalist soldiers constituting a garrison at Boca, near San Luis Potosi, were attacked by Villa followers Sunday and annihilated, according to information considered reliable reaching the border yesterday.

Passengers reaching here today reported that Villa soldiers last Sunday raided San Pedro de las Colonias, near Torreon, and massacred many natives. Three carloads of refugees from Parral, who came north from Torreon, got out of San Pedro only an hour before the attack.

WIRELESS FOR PORTO RICO

Daniels Asks Congress for \$400,000 for High-Power Plant for Naval Purposes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Secretary Daniels asked Congress yesterday for \$400,000 for a high power wireless station in Porto Rico. Mr. Daniels said the island is of "extreme strategic importance, in connection with the fleet operations, due to its location, and with a protected high power wireless station communication will be insured with the fleet, with Europe and with South America, to a greater degree than by any other means."

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH
At a meeting of the First Unitarian church last night John A. Hunnewell resigned as treasurer and Everett F. Gray was elected to succeed him.

HEAVY RAIN FELL CHANGING SNOW TO SLUSH

There was a sudden change from runners to wheels today in the downtown streets after the heavy rain had transformed the snow into slush. Heavy express sleighs laden with packages got stuck and it was necessary to send out wagons and transfer the loads. The rain fell in torrents especially around the noon hour and the snow disappeared from the streets at a remarkable rate. The traveling was very hard for horses and autos skidded dangerously. The walking was also very bad, slush covering the sidewalks and crossings several inches deep.

FORD PLANT TO SUSPEND

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 22.—As a means of relieving the railroad congestion now threatening all industries of Detroit the Ford Motor company suspended operations completely today and will remain closed until Jan. 3.

Forty-two thousand employees will be affected by the order. None will receive pay during the period of suspension. The shutdown will mean a loss in wages to the 42,000 employees affected of more than \$2,000,000. At the same time the company will sacrifice its profits on approximately 25,000 cars. The Ford plant is now turning out about 2500 machines daily.

BUT TWO BOSSES

PITTSFIELD, Dec. 22.—The town of Peru, highest in the state, being 1500 feet above sea level, is without a government save such as is given it by Frank Creamer, for years known as "mayor" of Peru and "citizen" Bolger, the two political "bosses" of the town.

William D. Kilbourne, one of the selectmen, died last summer, and the two remaining members of the board have moved out of town for the winter. Dwight T. Raymond to Hinsdale and W. K. Strong to New York.

LOWELL GUILD BUSY

The Lowell Guild is very busy at the present time in preparation for Christmas. Nurses are preparing the baskets for distribution and the quarters at 17 Dutton street look like an old fashioned store, with vegetables, etc., all around. But, yes, there is not enough to feed 35 worthy families, and before Christmas the number may soar into 50. Miss Clara E. Holland says that each case is investigated and that baskets are sent to those only who are in want through sickness or to worthy widows. Miss Holland is very thankful for the food contributed but she asks that supplies of any kind be sent to the Dutton street quarters. If notified, the guild will gladly send for food that friends may wish to contribute.

ARTILLERY DUEL

PARIS, Dec. 22.—An artillery duel of great intensity occurred north of Monastir on Thursday, the war office announced in today's statement regarding operations on the Macedonian front.

Along the easterly end of the line, on the Struma front, encounters between patrols occurred.

SUITS—OVERCOATS EVENING CLOTHES

Clothes

Be Good to Yourself This Xmas

Just one look!—That's all that's necessary—and you'll warm right up to the new assortment of P&Q \$15 "keepwarm" Ultra Ulsterettes, just in from our own big clothes making establishment in New York. Make up your mind right NOW to make yourself a present of one of these overcoats, and you'll be "Present"! on all occasions where smart style and solid "comfiness" and wear are wanted. Then on Xmas Eve. drop the \$10 you have saved into your own stocking, or use it to help gladden the heart of the one you love best.

Ask To See A P&Q "Keepwarm", Ulsterette, Double-Breasted Form Fitting or Loose Fitting Box-Back Coat

They're All Distinctly Different!

\$25 MADE OVERCOATS SUITS EVENING CLOTHES

\$15

MAKER-TO-WEARER SAVES YOU THE MIDDLEMAN'S PROFIT OF \$10

THE SEASON'S GREETING TO YOU ALL!—AND ACCEPT OUR HEARTFELT THANKS FOR YOUR GOODWILL!

You men of Lowell have treated us fine this year. We've about doubled our business. The only way that we can show you our appreciation of your goodwill is to continue to give you honest service and the Best Possible Clothes at the Lowest Possible Prices. THIS we will DO! We Thank You!

The P&Q Shop
CLOTHES FOR MEN

48 CENTRAL STREET

OPPOSITE MIDDLE STREET

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF MEN'S FRATERNITY

Rev. Benjamin A. Willmott of Roxbury, formerly pastor of the First Congregational church, was the principal speaker last evening at the tenth anniversary of the Men's Fraternity, which was observed in the vestry with a supper and entertainment. There was a large attendance, including many of the women folk of the church.

Robert S. Fulton was chairman of the hospitality committee, which had charge of the supper. Other committee members were Edis E. Butler, L.



REV. BENJAMIN A. WILLMOTT.

ing R. Kew, and Arthur Galley. It was served at 6.30 and later in the evening an entertainment was held. President Osgood delivered a brief address of welcome and this was followed by a piano selection by Miss Ella Gale. Prayer was offered by the pastor, Rev. E. H. Newcomb, and selections were sung by a quartet consisting of Messrs. Willmott, Mertrude, Baldwin and Galley. The roll call of charter members showed 14 present out of the original membership of 40. 10 years ago. A roll call of deceased members was called and their pictures were shown on the screen. There were 12 in all, of which 3 were charter members. A violin selection was given by Henry Baldwin.

President Osgood read a financial report which showed that \$250.00 has been given for sick benefits, \$500.00 for death benefits, and \$317 contributed to the church debt. The report also showed that during eight months of each year regular monthly meetings were held with a good attendance. The present membership has a total of 153. The revenue in dues during the 10 years showed a grand total of about \$2500, and at the present time there is \$14250 in the treasury.

Rev. Mr. Willmott spoke briefly but to the point. He urged the members of the fraternity to continue their good work to increase their membership and to do more in the real labors of the church than ever before. There were remarks by Vice-President Chas. L. Randall, who also read an original poem. There was a selection by the quartet and the closing prayer by Rev. Mr. Willmott.

Gold Inkstands—At Ricard's.

MEMBER OF HOUSE OF COMMONS DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 22.—James J. O'Kelly, national member of the house of commons, died in London this morning.

Mr. O'Kelly was widely known for his adventurous career. He was one of Parnell's earliest recruits in parliament and went through the ritual of suspension and removal from the house which marked the early 80's. While still a member of parliament he accepted a commission to go up the Nile during the Sudan campaign and interview the Mahdi, but Lord Kitchener barred that enterprise.

Mr. O'Kelly fought in the Franco-Prussian war, having a commission in the French army. His personal life was also found an outlet in the United States army during the Indian campaigns of a generation ago.

At the time of the Cuban revolt against Spanish rule, he served as a correspondent for New York and London newspapers and distinguished himself particularly by his daring when, contrary to the orders of the Spanish captain-general of Havana, he made his way to the rebel lines and sent a series of despatches concerning the revolution.

Mr. O'Kelly was born in Roscommon and was in the 71st year.

TRADES & LABOR COUNCIL

A regular meeting of the members of the Trades & Labor council was held last evening at 32 Middle street with President Francis A. Warnock in the chair. Considerable business was transacted, and Commissioner-elect Warnock was warmly congratulated by his brethren over his recent election to the municipal council.

A meeting of Local 57, Blacksmiths' union, was held last evening and considerable business was transacted. A feature of the meeting was an address by International Trustee Walter Chase. Special trains will be provided to transport between 400 and 500 employees of the P. & M. cars in Biltmore to Boston this evening. The large delegation of iron workers will spend the evening listening to Billy Sunday.

PAIGE STREET CHURCH

A delightful social was given last evening in the vestry of the Paige Street Baptist church. Following a bountiful supper at 6 o'clock there was music by the Cantor's Boys' orchestra, vocal solos by Miss Margaret Breckinridge, violin solos by Joseph Stoddard, accompanied by Miss Vera Stoddard, readers by Miss Mildred McKnight and Miss Veda Cross, piano solos by Miss Lilian Abbott, and cornet solos by Master Wilbur Roberts. The supper was served under the direction of Mrs. W. O. Brown and Mrs. French, who were aided by a corps of assistants. Mrs. A. F. Lihle, Mrs. M. L. Chandler and Mrs. B. B. Harris had charge of sales tables, which did a thriving business.

TRANSPORTATION ROMANCE

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ITALIAN ARMY, Dec. 22.—The transportation romance of this 450-mile mountain front, set down in cold, hard figures, reads thus: 2445 miles of railroads, 2445 miles of railroads, 2445 miles of road rebuilt or repaired, 590 miles of new railroad built; 150 miles of air-line cables stretched for the telegraphic system; 30,000 miles of telephone wire, put up; 10,000 new troops, hospital, and freight buildings erected; 200 miles of narrow gauge railroad laid in or behind the trenches; 110 new bridges thrown across rivers and precipices to accommodate 2040 miles of operating road.

The work is credited to 135 civil engineers of the government department of public works, aided by army engineers proper; likewise by 200,000 workmen, and 100,000 army mules, hitched to 3000 wagons.

The foregoing is the first official record of the exact extent of the con-

A MOTHER'S TROUBLES

A mother's unending work and devotion drains and strains her physical strength and leaves its mark in dimmed eyes and careworn expressions—she ages before her time.

Any mother who is weary and languid should start taking Scott's Emulsion of Norwegian Cod Liver Oil as a strengthening food and tonic to add richness to her blood and build up her nerves before it is too late. Start Scott's Emulsion today—its fame is world-wide. It is free from alcohol.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.



FOUNTAIN PENS

An ideal gift for ladies or gentlemen. We have the largest line in Lowell—Waterman Ideal, Conklin, Crocker Ink-Tite, Moore, Parker, Prince's, etc.

\$1.00 to \$10

Bring in your old pen and we will allow you \$1.00 or more on it.

PRINCE'S 108 Merrimack St.

struction work on the front, carried on steadily for 18 months despite enemy artillery, avalanche, snow falls, rains, floods, frost, lack of material, and all the other ills by which engineers are beset.

Christmas Gifts—At Ricard's.

LIVELY CANNONADING

PARIS, Dec. 22.—There was lively cannonading in the region of Louvain, north of Verdun, during last night, says the war office in today's bulletin on the progress of military operations on the French front. Elsewhere the night passed quietly.

Chests of Silver—At Ricard's.

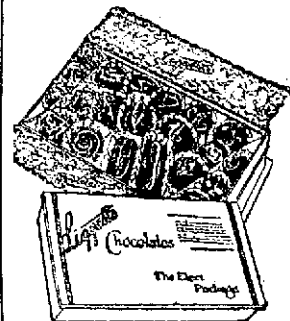
DEEP SEA DIVING SCHOOL

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 22.—The completion of the first year of the Deep Sea Diving school, established at the naval torpedo station here last spring was marked today by the graduation of twenty chief petty officers of the navy. All of the graduates have qualified in diving to a depth of not less than 150 feet, with the use of compressed air and some of them have reached greater depths in the so-called "diving tank" off Fort Wetherill, in the deepest part of Narragansett bay.

The graduates will be detailed to duty on various naval vessels.

Liggett-Riker-Jayne's

Last Minute Christmas Suggestions
CANDY ALWAYS PLEASES
LIGGETT'S CHOCOLATES



Confections of rare goodness and purity—The simple refinement of the white and gold box is the "quality mark" of the chocolates.

Every woman expects a box of chocolates for Christmas and every man feels it his duty to see that she is not disappointed. Let Liggett's be your choice.

1/2 lb.	1 lb.	2 lbs.	5 lbs.
40c	80c	\$1.60	\$4.00

Liggett's Fruit Cordials... 50c, \$1, \$2
Guth's Assorted Chocolates,
1/2 lb. 40c, 1 lb. 80c
Also in 2, 3 and 5 lbs.
Chocolate Au Guth... \$1, \$1.60, \$2
Liggett's Old Rose Package... \$1.50

Liggett's Moire Chocolates, per lb. \$3.00
In 1, 2, 3 and 5 lbs.
Park & Tilford's in Xmas packings,
\$1.00, \$1.50, \$3.00
Foss' Chocolates... 80c, \$1, \$5

FENWAY PINK PACKAGE

Our biggest candy value—a collection of novelty chocolates that has no equal at the price. The chocolates are delicious, the package dainty and attractive—makes a very acceptable gift. 1 lb. box **50c**
2 lb. box \$1.00

Cigars Men Like

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MILD HAVANA BLEND

You'll hit the spot with a box of MURATS. Our most popular 10c cigar. Its worth has been proven.

BOXES OF 25 **\$2.25**

Plethora Cigars By the Box Popular

Popular Brands in Holiday Packings

Major...	box of 25, \$1.75, box of 50, \$3.50	In packages of 50's and 100's
Jaynes Perfectos	box of 25, \$1.75, box of 50, \$3.50	
7-20-4s, Quincys, Rockefeller's, Blackstones, all shapes, in packing of 25,	\$1.65, 50's, \$3.30	
Jaynes 50's, box of 25	90c	
Royal Sovereign, boxes of 25	\$1.75 to \$2.75	45c UP
El Solano, boxes of 25	\$2.25 to \$2.75	
Lady Curzon, box of 25	\$2.00	Tobaccos

A FEW IMPORTED BRANDS

Hoyo de Monterey Perfectos, box of 25	\$5.00	In 1/2 lbs. & lbs.
Romero and Juliet, box of 25	\$5.00	
Manuel Garcia, box of 25	\$5.00	
Carolina Perfectos, box of 25	\$5.00	

BOXES OF 25 **\$1.75 and \$2.25**

67-69 Merrimack Street
Liggett's Riker-Jayne's Drug Stores

The Rexall Stores

STRANGER LOOKED LIKE
WILLIAM SWEENEY

A number of residents of Pawtucket believe they saw William B. Sweeney, the man who killed his wife in Kenwood, Dracut, two years ago, and who escaped from the Worcester insane asylum Wednesday afternoon in their district last evening. With the exception that the man wore an overcoat, the description of Sweeney as given by the hospital authorities tallies with that of the stranger seen in Moody street.

Shortly before 7 o'clock a couple of young men who were standing at the corner of Moody street and Colonial avenue saw what they believed to be a drunken man walking in the middle of the street, coming from the Collinsville direction. One of the young men stopped the stranger and asked him where he was going. The reply was that he was minding his own business and he wished others would do likewise.

Conversation followed during which the stranger, who although hardly able to stand on his feet, conversed very freely and did not show any signs of intoxication, said he wanted to go to Lowell, to his home in Merrimack street. He later attempted to board a Pelham bound electric car but was prevented from doing so by one of the party. The stranger lit a cigar and begged of those present to leave him alone and mind their own business. He was then taken aside by one of the party, who wanted to help him, but his mind seemed to be somewhere else and he asked to be allowed to go about his business. He said he was going to the centre of the city. He said he could now remember where he was and, pointing his finger to the right, he said, "the Pawtucket falls are there." A few minutes later he directed his steps across the Moody street bridge toward Merrimack street.

The stranger wore a cap and overcoat covered with frozen snow, which led one of the young men who accosted him to believe that he had slept in

the snow. It is also believed that the man's staggering was not due to intoxication but to weakness brought about by a long walk and the lack of food. It was only this morning that one of the party thought of Sweeney and he immediately notified the chief of police of the action of the stranger and the patrolmen were notified to keep an eye out for him.

No Definite Information

The police have found no definite information about Sweeney as yet. Late yesterday a telephone call received from a person who believed that he had seen Sweeney on the street but after receiving a description of him decided that he had picked out the wrong man.

BOYS FINED
Continued

rested two boys, both under 17 years of age, who were arraigned in the juvenile court charged with wilfully disturbing and interrupting an assembly of people. Patrolman O'Neil had been in the theatre a little more than an hour when the noise was heard in the front rows of the gallery during the progress of a singing and talking act. It was claimed that boys, clapped, hissed, howled, whistled, stamped their feet and threw chalk onto the stage. Patrolman O'Neil picked out the two defendants as being active in the disturbance. They pleaded not guilty but after hearing the evidence of several witnesses his honor found both guilty and ordered each to pay a fine of \$10.

Had Loaded Pistol

Another juvenile case which occupied considerable time was that in which Harry Deane was charged with carrying a loaded pistol. It was claimed that Harry and another boy were found in a camp in Dracut where several mysterious fires had been discovered. When the owner of the property appeared the boy is said to have displayed a revolver and later to have thrown it into a river. The case was continued a week on condition that Deane leave the city and go to Canada.

Rough and Tumble

A lively fist fight which took place in Central street, opposite Middle, about 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon,

Christmas

It is nearly here. If you have not made your selection you should look this list over. It may suggest something to you.

AUTOMATIC DRILLS
MACHINISTS' TOOLS
SET OF BITS
SET OF CHISELS
TOOL SETS
PLIERS
WRENCHES
RAZORS
STROPS, HONES
SHAVING SOAP
BRUSHES

LUNCH BOXES
THERMOS BOTTLES
KNIVES
CARVING SETS
THERMOMETERS
GARMENT HANGERS
FLASH LIGHTS
FOOD CHOPPERS
BREAD MIXERS
CARTS
SLEDS

CLOSED MONDAY

Adams Hardware AND PAINT COMPANY

ADAMS SQUARE

400-414 MIDDLESEX ST.

NEAR THE DEPOT

was responsible for the appearance in the regular court of Michael Kennedy and John Mandell, accused of unlawfully disturbing the peace. Each pleaded not guilty.

Patrolman Simon Lane said that the crowd of people in the street attracted his attention and he found both men exchanging blows freely. Kennedy had his coat off. Blood was flowing freely, he said, and both men were persistent in continuing the fight.

Traffic Officer Sheridan said that both street car and automobile traffic were held up by the crowd of 75 to 100 people who were in the street watching the fight. When he arrived Patrolman Lane was holding the two men, and Kennedy was the more aggressive and tried to get at Mandell, he said.

Mandell, whose home is in Somerville, is a night foreman at the International Steel & Ordnance Co. in North Chelmsford. Kennedy formerly worked for him and was discharged yesterday morning. Mandell said that he met Kennedy in Central street yesterday afternoon and the latter assailed him without a word. He said he was knocked down and got up and defended himself.

Witnesses testified that Kennedy remarked after he was discharged yesterday morning that he would "get Mandell yet."

Kennedy's version of the trouble was that Mandell called him a vile name and also made the first "pass." He denied threatening to get the other man, but admitted saying that "one never can tell when two men will meet." He said that he meant by this, when two men meet and have a drink together.

Judge Enright found that Kennedy was responsible for the fight and ordered him to pay a fine of \$10. Mandell was discharged.

Too Many High Ones

Thomas J. Sullivan partook too heavily of the high ones in Middlesex street yesterday and, while meandering homeward he fell through a plate glass window in the store of Abraham Smith, just above the station. The window was shattered, said Mr. Smith, at between \$50 and \$75. Sullivan agreed to make restitution if given an opportunity and he was placed on probation for six months.

Hannah Reddington, who was committed to the state farm from the local police court several weeks ago, was released on parole yesterday morning to spend the Christmas holidays at home. The woman arrived here in the afternoon, met some of her old friends with the result that a sort of reunion took place. Hannah soon fell under the influence of the liquor and she was taken to the police station. She will be returned to the state farm by a parole officer tomorrow.

ALDERMEN AND MAYOR
DEADLOCKED TWO HOURS

DOVER, N. H. Dec. 22.—The board of aldermen was deadlocked with Mayor Barrett more than two hours last night at an adjourned meeting over the Essex street extension layout.

The mayor claimed the meeting was not legally in session because the quorum of adjournments was broken Nov. 2 by lack of a quorum. The board had been in executive session since the regular meeting, Dec. 7, and twice adjourned. Last night Mayor Barrett announced he would entertain only motions to dissolve the executive session and to adjourn.

The executive session was dissolved and a stormy meeting followed, during which every move to bring the extension matter to a vote was balked by the mayor. Finally the mayor announced he would entertain a motion to call an adjourned special meeting to consider the matter. The special meeting was set for Dec. 28.

A. C. BEDFORD, NEW HEAD
OF STANDARD OIL CO.

ELECTED PRESIDENT TO SUCCEED THE LATE JOHN D. ARCHBOLD

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A. C. Bedford was today elected president of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, to succeed the late John D. Archbold. Mr. Bedford has for some years been vice president and treasurer of the company.

SUN BREVITIES

Best printing, Tobin's, Asso. Dig. Expert vulcanizing, Beharrell's.

Christmas, Easter, wedding and birthday gifts, Etta M. Gilmore, 40 B st.

Misses Helen Haggerty, Kitty Kinmon, Flora Hobart and others at Richard's Central street store, and Misses Blanche LaRue and Alice Landry at the Merrimack street store are assisting in accommodating the holiday crowds.

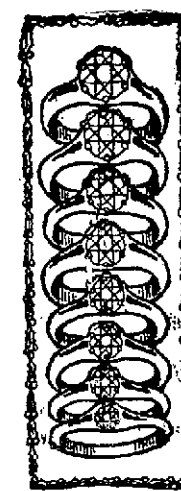
George Gibbons, residing at 22 West Adams street, had one of his hands caught in a gear while at work at the Tremont & Suffolk mills shortly after 11 o'clock this morning. The ambulance was summoned and he was taken to the Lowell hospital where he received treatment.

Several successful raids have been made on Methuen hen coops recently and the owners have made an appeal for better police service, especially at night. They not only claim that the hen thieves have been working but that women and children are annoyed by a strange man if they venture out at night.

Martin W. Kilpatrick of Lowell has been appointed one of the assistants to the sergeant-at-arms at the state house, at a salary of \$600 and travelling expenses. Service is during the months that the legislature is in session. Mr. Kilpatrick was formerly a member of the common council. In politics he is a republican.

The Nurses' alumni of St. John's hospital have conceived the idea of having a Christmas tree for the patients and each member of the body has contributed a dollar towards the fund. Friends of the hospital are requested to contribute gifts to the tree and some may wish to send seasonal gifts to the hospital. In connection with the distribution of gifts there will be a Christmas musicale and the nurses will do everything possible to pass along a message of good cheer.

In a recent ad. by the Auburn Motor Car Co. displaying a Christmas offer on automobiles, there were statements which might appear to be misleading. But the fact remains that this company has a full line of cars represented by them on exhibition at

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135 CENTRAL STREET

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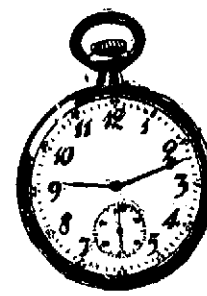
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\$350.00

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The finest stock of Hamiltons in Lowell.

BRACELET WATCHES

\$10 to \$50

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For the Right Gift at Right Price, Visit Our Store

CUT GLASS

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GEO. H. WOOD

THE CHRISTMAS
GIFT SHOP

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Toys

WE ARE CLOSING OUT OUR
MECHANICAL TOYS, GAMES,
ETC., AND HAVE MARKED
PRICES DOWN LOWER THAN
EVER BEFORE.

VISIT OUR STORE TODAY
AND SATURDAY FOR YOUR
FINAL TOY PURCHASES

OUR PRICES WILL PLEASE

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FOOT OF SOUTH ST.

MONEY SAVING PRICES

Turkeys 20c Geese . . 20c

Chickens 20c Ducks . . 20c

Broilers 25c Fowl . . 20c

CUT-UP CHICKEN, Pound. 20c

Cape Cod Cranberries, qt. 5c

Celery 10c

Lettuce 6c

Legs Heavy Veal, lb. 12 1/2c

Fresh Shoulders, lb. 12 1/2c

Smoked Shoulders, lb. 15c

Canned Peas. 10c

Canned Corn. 10c

Evaporated Milk. 10c

Large Cans Tomatoes, whole
tomatoes 12 1/2c

Sliced Peaches, 3 cans. 25c

Eating Apples, pk. 25c

Pie Apples, pk. 15c

Bananas, 16 for. 25c

Large Fine Apples. 3 for 25c

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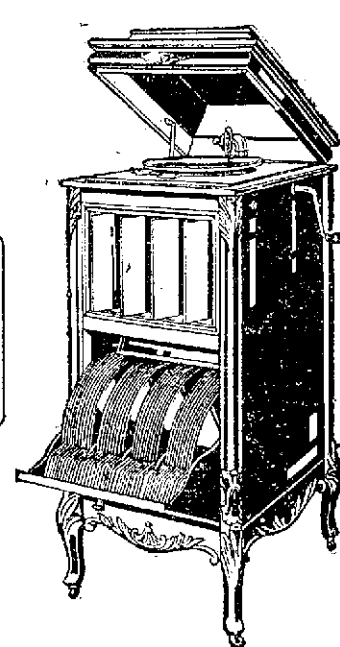
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FIVE MILE RUNNING RACE AT ROLLAWAY

Tomorrow night at the Rollaway rink on Hard street, Fred Couture of the Bellevue club will make a desperate effort to turn the tables on James Crowe of the O.M.I. Cadets and Tony Drouin of the Mathew Temperance institute in a five-mile running race.

Last Saturday Couture allowed Drouin and Crowe to relay at will in a three-mile race and was defeated by a lap and a third. Tomorrow night, however, his opponents will be permitted to relay but four times in the five miles. This change, Couture says, is just what he wanted, and he claims that he will show his opponents that he is their master in the longer grind. Crowe and Drouin are not worrying over the new conditions, for as they say, the plan would not have been decided upon had they not agreed, and aver that by agreeing to the move, they showed that they had confidence in their ability to win. The race tomorrow night will start at 8:30 o'clock. Crowe and Couture will start at scratch. Crowe will run a mile and a quarter, and then Drouin will come on and run two and a half miles. Crowe will relieve him and finish the race. No blocking or other violations of the running rules will be tolerated. On Monday night, Christmas, the same runners will appear in a pursuit race. All will start together, and the one first to lap the two others will be awarded the first prize.

AUSTRALIAN DARCY NOT A RICH BOXER

Although Les Darcy has been the fistic idol of Australia for two years or more, he has not made a great deal of money. He will earn more in four bouts over here than he was able to do during the four years he has been active in the ring. According to reports, Darcy has been able to save but \$25,000, although he has defeated every man who could be found to meet him. Darcy has drawn many thousands of pounds by giving exhibitions for various red cross and war relief societies. At least twice a week he appeared at these affairs, and all told he has contributed the equivalent of a fortune to relief work. This is one of the main reasons why his loss has so grieved his countrymen. Australian boxers of little note, such as Charley Simpson, the featherweight, who recently arrived here, had no difficulty in leaving the country, but Darcy was a good mine for the promoters.

According to George Chip, Darcy is a green country boy, who blushes every time a stranger speaks to him. He says the sharks who infest boxing circles in New York are sure to take him for an easy mark, and will fight him for a big money, and will fight for possession, but that Darcy has a great deal of common sense and is not likely to tie up with the wrong kind of person when he selects a manager. Chip hears no malice because Darcy knocked him out. He says the Australian is a prince and will be tremendously popular here.

PETS SOLD FOR CHARITY

LONDON, December.—In these days when nearly everybody is giving up something to the cause of the war, pet animals have played a prominent part as a form of war charity. People have given their dogs and cats to charitable institutions to be auctioned off to raise money for wounded soldiers. So many unsalable pets have been offered as to make them a burden to the animal protection societies.

At a recent sale many of the cats and dogs were so old, decrepit and dirty that no bids could be obtained for them, and they were handed over to the societies to be put to death by gas.

FAMOUS JOCKEY IN ARMY

BERLIN, December. Rastenberg, the premier among German jockeys, who won almost 50 "firsts" this year for the Royal Greditz stable and who cleared nearly half a million marks for his employers, has been drafted into the army. He is now in front-on at an artilleryman at Frankfurt-on-the-Oder.

\$500 REWARD

For the conviction of those that went into my nursery at Keenwood and cut down some of my fancy Evergreen Trees.

McMANMON, the Prescott Street Florist, is the best place in Lowell to get your Xmas greenery and plants. Plenty of trees yet, from \$10 to \$100 each.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

Received Too Late for Classification

STORE, STABLE and 200 ft. of land for sale. Inquire 282 Lawrence st.

YOUNG GIRL or middle aged woman wanted for general housework. Can go home nights. Apply 35 Washington st.

COSY 4-ROOM TENEMENT to let. Gas, toilet on floor. 34 Acawam st.

PUPPIES for sale for Christmas. Spanish beagle hounds. 55 Wilder st. Call after 5 o'clock.

KITCHEN MAN and fireman wanted at Hamilton Restaurant, 1 Gorham st.

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Special value on a four-fold decorated panel Japanese Screen for

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SPAULDING SHOE TEAM BEATS J. P. S. TEAM

The J.P.S. team was outwitted by the Spaulding Five in the Centralville Minor League on the Spindle City alleys last evening. Mullin of the Spaulding quintet was high man with a total of 304, and also had the best single string, 129. In the night league of the U. S. Cartridge Co. on the Crescents alleys the Extrusion department was defeated by the Finish Shell by 190 points.

The scores:

U. S. Cartridge Co. (Night League)				
EXTRUSION				
Burns	90	69	84	243
Mason	73	79	83	235
McNeil	80	80	80	240
Wrenn	103	103	90	296
McNeil	94	99	86	279
Totals	439	440	433	1302

FINISH SHELL				
Murphy	195	92	88	235
Quinn	82	76	76	234
Witch	119	94	88	292
Coff	106	91	93	290
Farrell	101	79	103	283
Totals	504	440	458	1402

Centralville Minor League				
J.P.S.				
Spurris	76	103	89	268
H. Bourgeois	98	80	88	266
Spulos	88	87	82	257
Duffene	87	102	85	274
Pattajohn	103	86	97	286
Totals	452	458	451	1361

SPAULDING				
Madden	85	81	96	262
Plant	87	85	87	259
Gormain	90	103	89	282
McNeil	100	94	104	298
Mullin	100	84	120	304
Totals	474	449	507	1430

SPORTING NEWS

There is some feeling in Haverhill over the attitude of the athletic board in awarding letters to members of the football team, according to a report from the downriver city. Charles White, the right half back of this year's team, has been elected captain for 1917.

The Brown football team will play Holy Cross at Worcester next fall. This developed at a conference in Worcester yesterday.

Connie Mack has stated that he will not boost the price of admission at Shibe park next season. Perhaps Connie will wait till he draws an average attendance.

The standing in the City Bowling league changes as often as the weather. Any team, except Boyds, is liable to take the lead.

But little consideration is given "Happy" Felsch when critics are considering the leading outfielders of the American league, yet Felsch is undoubtedly one of the most valuable outfielders in the Johnson organization. In the 1916 series between the two Chicago clubs, Felsch was a big star.

Eddie Plank insists that rare use of the curve ball has been the greatest factor in prolonging his career as a pitcher. Plank claims that during his entire career he has thrown four fast balls to one curve. Constant use of the curve soon tends to sap the strength of the salary whip, according to Eddie.

SIX-DAY BIKE RACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—At 7 a. m. today, the 103rd hour, the six leading teams in the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden were far behind the record with 1502 miles and 2 laps to their credit. Three teams were in the lead, and two teams 1 lap behind the leaders. Spears and McNamara were setting the pace. During the night there was a bad spill at one of the turns, but no one was injured. The record for the 103rd hour is 2626 miles and 2 laps made by Verri and Egg in 1914.

The number of teams in the race was officially reduced to 11 when it was announced that the Goulet-Grenda combination had been declared out because Goulet was unable to find another partner to take the place of Grenda, whose collarbone was broken in a spill last night.

The race during the morning hours was marked by a series of spectacular sprints at the close of which the Lawson-Mitten, Eaton-Ryan and Thomas-Girt teams fell a lap behind the leaders. The Smith-Kopsky combination gained ground and was within one lap of the six teams setting the pace. The E. Ott-Belle pair also gained and at 10 o'clock was only two laps behind the leaders. The six teams tied at the front at that hour were Spears-McNamara; Egg-Dupuy; Hill-Brosbach; Root-Madden; Kaiser-Cameron and Debaetes-Walshour.

WITH THE PADDED MITTS

Tommy Doyle of Lowell lost the decision to Buddy Tolson of Lawrence in the semi-final bout at the Unity club in Lawrence last evening. The bout was scheduled to go eight rounds but in the seventh Referee Nicholson called the bout off and handed Tolson the decision. Doyle, who was fighting his first bout of the season, claimed that he was fouled three times in the seventh round. Referee Nicholson's decision was a disappointment to the many Lowell fans present, who claimed that Doyle had the better of the going all the way.

In the main bout Tommy Robson of Malden knocked out Jimmy Mitchell of New York in the second round. Robson started his bout up for the better part of two rounds and then finished him in short order. Tommy Burns of

more difficulty with the South Boston boy than in the past.

Battling Levinsky and Battling Billy Miske of St. Paul have been matched to go 10 rounds at Brooklyn New Year's afternoon.

CHEER AT WHITE HOUSE

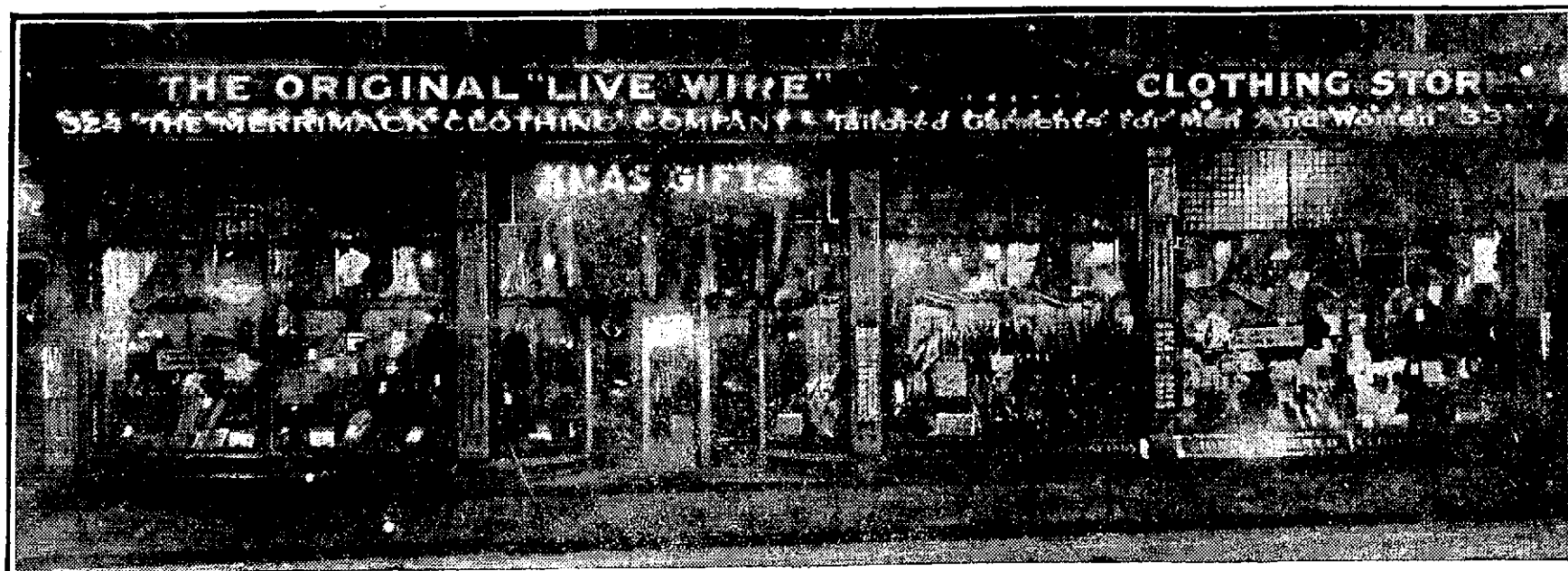
Old-Fashioned Christmas Planned By the President and Mrs. Wilson, including a Tree

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. President Wilson is preparing for an old-fashioned Christmas at the White House.

There is a letter at this office for Freddie Mazzaro.

The return bout between Charlie Sheppard of Lowell and Norma Donovan of South Boston which takes place in Boston tonight has been awaited by the fans for a long time. Several weeks ago Sheppard was signed to meet Donovan, but instead of showing up he sent a postal card from New York saying that it was impossible for him to keep the engagement. This time the promoters demanded Sheppard to post a forfeit for his appearance. There is great rivalry between these two boxers. They met at the Arena some time ago and Sheppard won the decision. Donovan is confident that he can turn the tables while Sheppard feels that he will have no

A Store Loaded With Useful Christmas Gifts



What to give for Christmas is not usually a matter of easy disposal—as often as not, the decision is difficult only because of the methods employed—it's really an easy matter if one goes to the proper place.

If you've waited until now before Gift Buying—your choice won't suffer if you come to this GREAT STORE LOADED WITH USEFUL GIFTS for Men, Women and Boys, where experienced salespeople will gladly make suggestions.

Thousands of Christmas Shoppers Have Taken Advantage of Our Preparedness for Christmas Sale

WHICH AFFORDS AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE USEFUL, SEASONABLE GIFTS AT A SAVING OF 20 TO 30 PER CENT. UNDER PRESENT DAY PRICES. WHY NOT JOIN THE HAPPY THROGS TODAY AND SATURDAY, HITTING THE TRAIL TO THE MERRIMACK CLOTHING CO. A FEW ITEMS FROM THE THOUSANDS HERE TODAY.

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS

As usual, we are offering our regular Friday Night Three-hour Bargains from 6.30 to 9.30. Every item a big money saver and will make practical and useful Christmas Gifts.

Tonight from 6.30 to 9.30

Men's \$20 Suits	\$16.50
Men's \$12.50 Suits	\$10.00
Men's \$25.00 Overcoats	\$21.50
Men's \$2.50 Pants	\$2.00
Men's \$2.00 Soft or Stiff Hats	\$1.65
Men's \$1.00 Caps	.65c
Men's \$3.50 Shaker Sweaters	\$2.95
Men's \$1.50 Laundered Cuff Shirts	\$1.05
Men's \$1.00 Soft Cuff Shirts	.75c
Men's \$1.00 Union Suits	.79c
Men's \$1.00 Underwear	.45c
Men's \$1.00 Pajamas	.79c
Men's 15c Cotton and Wool Hose	.10c

Boys' \$13.50 Overcoats	\$9.95
Boys' \$9.00 Overcoats	\$6.50
Boys' \$7.00 Suits (two pants)	\$5.25
Ladies' \$6.95 Raincoats	\$3.98
Ladies' \$5.00 Raincoats	\$2.98
Ladies' \$5.00 Silk Waists	\$3.98
Ladies' \$5.95 Serge Skirts	\$3.98
Ladies' Odd Silk Waists	\$1.00
Ladies' \$1.50 House Dresses	.79c
Ladies' 75c Bungalow Aprons	.49c
Men's Suits, values up to \$25, marked	\$20.00
Men's Suits, value up to \$20, marked	\$15.00
Men's Overcoats, values up to \$25, marked	\$20.00
Men's Overcoats, value up to \$20, marked	\$15.00
Men's Overcoats, values up to \$18, convertible collars, marked	\$10.00
Men's Shirts, values \$1.50 and \$2.00, marked	\$1.20—3 for \$3.50
Men's Shirts, values \$1.25 and \$1.00, marked	85c—3 for \$2.50
Men's Shaker Sweaters, values up to \$5.00, marked	\$3.50
Men's Worsted Sweaters, values up to \$3.00, marked	\$2.50
Men's Union Suits, values up to \$1.50, marked	.95c
Men's Natural Shirts and Drawers, values up to 75c, marked	.59c
Men's Jersey Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, values up to 65c, marked	.50c
Men's Stockings, values up to 25c, marked	17c—3 Pairs 50c

Men's Bath Robes, values up to \$7.50, marked	\$5.00
Men's Bath Robes, values up to \$5.00, marked	\$3.95
Men's House Coats, values up to \$6, marked	\$3.75
Men's Fancy Vests, values up to \$3, marked	\$1.65
Men's or Women's Umbrellas, value up to \$1.50, marked	\$1.00
Men's Caps, values up to \$1.00, marked	.85c
Boys' Overcoats, values up to \$8.00, marked	\$5.00
Boys' Overcoats (small sizes) values up to \$7, marked	\$3.95
Boys' Suits, two pairs of pants, values up to \$6.00, marked	\$5.00
Boys' Odd Suits, values up to \$4.00, marked	\$2.95
Boys' Sweaters, values up to \$3.50, marked	\$2.50
Boys' Odd Gloves, values up to \$1.00, marked	.50c
Boys' Odd Knicker Pants, values up to \$1.00, marked	.50c
Boys' Gloves, values up to 75c, marked	.50c
Ladies' Suits, values up to \$10.00, marked	\$23.50
Ladies' Suits, values up to \$25.00, marked	\$17.50
Ladies' Suits, values up to \$22.50, marked	\$14.75
Ladies' Coats, values up to \$30, marked	\$25.00
Ladies' Coats, values up to \$25, marked	\$20.00
Ladies' Coats, values up to \$20, marked	\$15.00
Ladies' Bath Robes, values up to \$7.50, marked	\$5
Ladies' Bath Robes, values up to \$6, marked	\$3.98
Ladies' Sweaters, values up to \$8.95, marked	\$5.00
Ladies' All Silk Petticoats, values up to \$5.00, marked	\$3.98
Ladies' Waists, values up to \$2.49, marked	\$1.59
Ladies' Waists, values up to \$1.50, marked	.98c

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ACROSS FROM CITY HALL

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BERLIN, Dec. 22, via London. Emperor William has conferred the Oak Leaves of the Order Pour le Merite upon Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, commander of the German forces on the Somme front. It was officially announced today.

The emperor has conferred the same distinction upon Lieut. Gen. von Kuhl, attached to the staff of the Bavarian crown prince.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

pect to deliver presents to a number of poor families.

RUFFALO FOR PRES. WILSON

AMARILLO, Tex., Dec. 22.—A fat yearling buffalo killed by hunters in the first buffalo hunt in the Texas panhandle in many years was dressed today and a large piece sent to President Wilson. Others who will receive choice cuts are: Ambassador Jusserand of France, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and the four members of the federal farm loan board.

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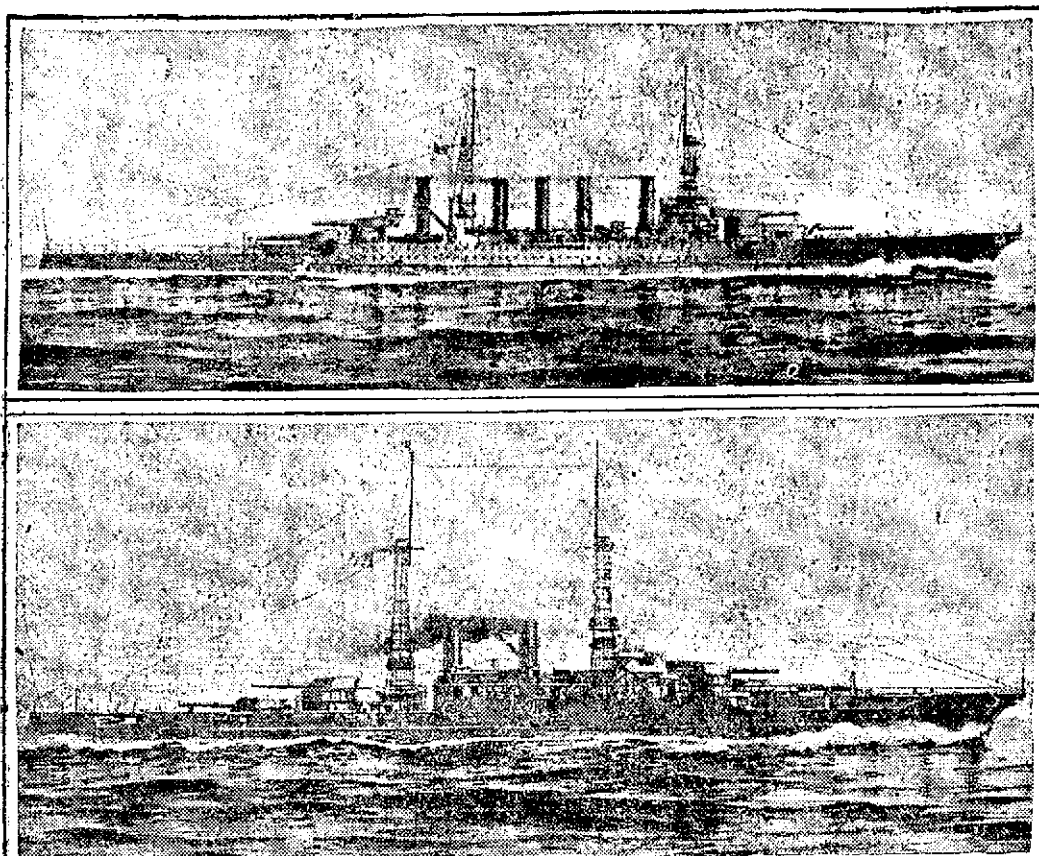
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GIGANTIC PROJECTED AMERICAN WARSHIPS WILL OUTCLASS WORLD'S GREATEST SHIPS



UPPER—U.S. BATTLE CRUISERS NOS 1 & 4. LOWER—U.S. BATTLESHIP COLORADO AND CLASS

To permit the people of the United States to see what the projected battle cruisers of their navy will look like and to show the features of the new battleships of the Colorado class, the secretary of the navy has had prepared the accompanying drawings of the new vessels. By means of "wash" drawings such as these the effects of photographs are obtained, and it is possible to gain from them almost as definite ideas of the appearances of the vessels as would be obtained from actual photographs. The new battle cruisers authorized by congress will be the first vessels of their type in the American navy, although battle cruis-

ers have been constructed for several years for foreign navies, notably the British and German. King George's and the Kaiser's battle cruisers have splendid accounts of themselves in the Jutland battle.

The American battle cruisers, names for which have not been selected, will be 674 feet long and will carry crews of 1,274 men. The displacement will be 12,500 tons and the speed thirty-five knots, five knots faster than that of any German or British battle cruiser. The armament will consist of ten fifty-caliber cannon inch guns, twenty fifty-caliber five inch guns, four three-inch anti-air craft guns and eight twenty-one inch torpedo tubes. These ves-

sels will be driven by electric turbines.

With the picture of the battle cruiser (upper picture) is shown that of the new projected battleship of the Colorado class, which will comprise the Colorado, Maryland, West Virginia and Washington. They will be vessels of 22,500 tons, with twenty-one knots speed and carrying eight sixteen-inch guns each. There will be twenty-two smaller guns besides four anti-air craft guns and torpedo tubes. As these ships will be, they will be outclassed by the three still newer battleships already authorized, the ships of the Nos. 49, 50 and 51 class.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS HOLD CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Christmas exercises were held in the various parochial schools throughout the city today, some in the forenoon and others in the afternoon.

At St. Joseph's convent this morning, Christmas carols were sung, recitations were given and at the close of the program the cards of honor were distributed to the pupils of 20 classes, who have received over 20 per cent. in the quarterly examination which was held recently. The distribution was made by the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. H. Racette, O.M.I., and the pupils who received their cards were as follows:

Grade I.K., Irene Desmarais, M. Rose Dion, Berthe Desmarais and 25 others.

Grade VIII., Cecile Malo, Florence Labrie, Pauline Langell.

Grade VII., Claire Bouché, Cecile Desmarais, Estelle Rodier.

Grade VI., Louis Barry, Helene Marie, Ann M. Alexander.

Grade V., Amaryllis Labrie, Estelle Leclerc, Claude Ducharme.

Grade IV.B., Alice Houle, Claire Gamache, Lilianne St. Georges.

Grade IV.A., Dora Foucher, Irene Laurin, Victoria Bouché.

Grade III.B., Cecile Guerin, Coe Lebeuf, Helene Grouet.

Grade III.A., Jeanne E. Jean, Germaine Laroche, Florence Labrie.

Grade II.B., Aida Vaillancourt, Cecile Chaise, Alice Gauthier.

Grade II.A., Florence Ducharme, Jeanette Labrie, Yvonne Gauthier.

Grade I.B., Yolande Therrien, Emeline Sarron, Laure Gauthier.

Grade I.A., Lena Barrette, Rachel Fortin, Irene Gauthier.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Christmas exercises were held in St. Joseph's college at 1.30 o'clock this afternoon under the direction of Bro. Leon Bernard, principal, and the program was as follows:

"Le Noël du Petit Pousse" chorus, Raymond Barry.

"Happy New Year to the Oblate Fathers" chorus, Raymond Barry.

"La Guenon, le Sincé et la Noix," H. Montminy.

"La Veste Noire," Albert Lemieux.

"Le Paresseux," Edouard Matte.

"Le Renard et la Cigogne," Emile Bouché, Conrad Lacroix, Jeanne Roy, Paul Roy.

"L'Envers du Vio," Wilfred Bouché.

"L'Heureux Cultivateur," Henri Blanchette.

"Les Gros Petes de bébé" chorus, 7th grade.

"Le Chateau de Cartes," George Chaise.

"Le Bossu de Noël," Leo Desmarais.

"Le Chat et le vieux Rat," Armand Lemire.

Reading of compositions of 2d and 4th grades.

"Mieux que Ca," Leo Bouché and Albert Lachance.

"La Mort de Jeanne d'Arc," Louis Rault, Arthur Dupont and Lucien Miller.

Reading of compositions of 1st and 2d grades.

"La Tirade des Nez," J. M. Jozias, Leo St. Jean and Thos. Fouché.

Distribution of prizes.

Address.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Racette, O.M.I.

Blessing of children by Oblate Fathers.

"Gloria in Excelsis Deo" hymn, assembly.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

A feature of the Christmas exercises at the Immaculate Conception school this afternoon was the distribution of candy and gifts by the pastor, Rev. Lawrence E. Tighe, O.M.I. At 1.30 o'clock the children assembled in the large hall and listened to a very interesting entertainment program given by the best talent of the school under the direction of the Grey Nuns of the Cross. Victrola numbers were also given much to the delight of the boys and girls. At the conclusion of the entertainment program Rev. Fr. Tighe, O.M.I., addressed the children and after extending them the best wishes of the season, he distributed to each child candies and toys. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in story tellings and singing.

TO FREE PEOPLE FROM BIG LAW FEES

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Senator Robert M. Washburn of Worcester would "interrupt the regularity of that procession of well clothed attorneys hurrying away from Beacon Hill hearing bags of gold which comes out of the people," according to his own statement yesterday afternoon. Mr. Washburn, whose criticism of the policy of the Boston Elevated company in hiring attorneys attracted much interest at a recent public hearing, has filed for the consideration of the incoming legislature a bill the chief provisions of which are as follows:

"No corporation, or interest, within the jurisdiction of the public service commission, or the board of gas and electric light commissioners, shall be represented by or shall employ, in any matter before the general court or any committee thereof, or any commission of the commonwealth, an attorney-at-law unless he shall have been continuously and exclusively within the employment of said corporation or interest, or unless with the specific authorization of the commission having authority over said corporation or interest."

In an interview yesterday afternoon Mr. Washburn said, "This bill substantially was introduced into the general court by me a few years ago, but was repudiated, in use the common words 'unreasonable,' 'drastic,' 'unworkable' and 'unworkable' by men known, again to use the common words, as 'well balanced' and found too often in quantity and power in the public service."

Needed to Reach Conditions

"If drastic," he says, "then this bill is a necessary condition to reach conditions hard to reach. It attempts to reach even that greatest political evil, the acquiring of an influence over legislation by financing the campaigns of men that make it. It is one more string on large payments to men whose reputation is that of foster mothers to our great and general court, and whose names appear in corporation returns, after substantial amounts, with the gesture though hardly descriptive return, 'retainer.'"

"It is precipitated by the present spectacle before the board of gas and electric light commissioners. In the issue between the Edison Electric Illuminating company and the city of Boston, if the interests of the city of Boston can be properly cared for by its city counsel, John A. Sullivan, whose annual salary for presumably all of his

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FURNISHINGS FOR MEN—Our two departments with their showings of Neckwear, Shirts, Sweaters, Bath Robes, House Coats, Hosiery, Gloves, etc., etc., include about everything that a particular man can want—and remember that "that man or boy likes best things to wear." East Section and Basement.

LEATHER GOODS—Hundreds of little inexpensive articles to be found on these counters. Good for remembrances—and useful always. West Section, Right Aisle.

UMBRELLAS—You can't go wrong if you buy an Umbrella. See the new styles in handles, the smart new tips and splendid coverings. No matter what price you'd pay, you'll find a great variety here. Merrimack Street, Centre Tables.

THE BOOK STORE—Is still filled with the sort of Book Gifts that please. Boys' Books, Girls' Books, Books of Fiction and Adventure, Religious Works and Bibles. Come here for Books. Palmer Street, Centre Aisle.

Bags and Suit Cases Waists and Dress Patterns

A most acceptable gift for either lady or man. Here's a dandy selection and some wonderful values.

Students' Cowhide Bags, 13 to 15 inch, \$3.50
Students' Cowhide Bags, 13 to 15 inch, \$3.75
Students' Cowhide Bags, 13 to 15 inch, \$3.98
Students' Cowhide Bags, 13 to 15 inch, \$5.00

Ladies' Club Bags, in black and brown, samples, only one of a style; regular prices \$7.50 to \$18.00.....\$5.00 to \$14.50

1 Lot Sample Oxford Bags, men's sizes 16 to 18.....\$5.00 to \$15.00

1 Lot Sample Extra Quality Suit Cases priced.....\$6.50 to \$18.00

Which is about 1-4 below their worth.

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"Except for the pernicious practice of immoderate campaigns for the legislative election, this interview is unclouded by ethical reduction. I do not share with some who seek to hasten unduly the millennium, a feeling that one engaged in the business of transportation should sever his church membership. No one should be too hastily criticized for the amount of his bill, particularly where it is to be paid. The purpose of this legislation is to cut out or limit the field from which these returns are to come."

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PLANS FOR CORONATION OF KING CHARLES

BUDAPEST, via London, Dec. 22.—The Hungarian parliament has completed arrangements for the coronation of King Charles by electing Count Tisza as Palatin and 26 of its members as his assistants. Count Tisza's election followed a hard fight with the opposition which supported Archduke Joseph. The Palatin is the functionary who places the crown on the king's head.

The work of decorating the streets has already started and despite the war, it is intended to make the coronation an elaborate affair. King Charles will arrive at Budapest on Dec. 27 and the coronation will take place on Dec. 30.

OWL THEATRE

The brilliant dramatic actress, Miss Hilda Spang, will be seen for the first time on the screen at the Owl Theatre today and tomorrow in the new world release "Divorced." Throughout America, and especially in the western states, the name of Miss Spang has been connected with the dramatic stage for years, and since her entry into the motion picture world, she has met with wonderful success, in fact her success in this new field bids fair to exceed the triumphs of the stage. "Divorced" is one of the best problem plays ever released. It tells a heart-stirring story of present life, and it depicts in a very forceful manner the follies and the sham of present day society. It tells of a woman who is deceived by a man, who had

promised to marry her, immediately after securing a divorce. His wife dies but he does not keep his promise. The woman's son is in college, and returning home one day discovers the reason why this man had taken such an interest in him. In a very stirring scene the man is shot by the woman who is set free by a jury later on.

A new Mutual Chaplin comedy, "The Vagabond," with the inimitable Chaplin in the leading role will also be seen at the Owl today and tomorrow. As a chapter of clown, this famous comedian is in a class by himself and money will no doubt take advantage of this opportunity of seeing him in the role of the tramp in this new production.

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ERNEST J. DUPONT, President.

A. Lamoureux, treasurer. The other directors are as follows: J. B. Pelham, P. N. Labelle, Joseph Routhier, Leonard L. Fortin and Z. A. Norman.

The directors voted to celebrate the third anniversary of the club as well as the new year on New Year's eve with a ladies' night. Concert numbers will be given, while refreshments will be served. The officers will be initiated at the first meeting in January.

REPLY TO NOTE Continued

It is known indirectly to the diplomats for their guidance, that he went even farther than that and counted on an absolutely frank reply from the belligerents which would lead to an actual opportunity for negotiations proved only less surprising than the note itself.

This feeling was increased by Secretary Lansing's authorized statement yesterday that no soundings had been taken of the attitudes and are anxious for the address and that the note had been sent entirely regardless of the central powers' proposal or of the reply of Lloyd George.

Action of European Neutrals

The question very much to the fore today was whether the European neutrals would present a United appeal. The Spanish and Swiss representatives here have been at the state department repeatedly since those proposals came out and probably know fully the plans of this government.

It is pointed out that the European neutrals have suffered beyond any other nations not actually involved in the war and that peace is more essential to them than to any but the actual belligerents. In addition they have none of the bitterness of war and none of its ambitions and are anxious more for the coming of peace than for the accomplishment of any other purpose. Nevertheless their geographical position between the two contending forces has been so dangerous that up to now they have been able to do no more than to maintain the struggle even to suggesting peace.

Part of this danger is, however, thought removed by the American action.

To Advise Friendly Reply

Gradual clarification among the entente diplomats here of the president's purpose and indications that they would advise their governments to reply in a friendly spirit proved a source of deep gratification today, as it was pointed out both in the note itself and in Secretary Lansing's explanation that one of the dangers was that the allies would consider the step as a pro-German move. Every effort was made to remove this impression and to have the note considered entirely apart from any other events. The entente diplomats at first very fearful, have now accepted this view.

Note Received in Berlin

Charge Grew reported to the state

department today that the president's note had been received in Berlin.

Early London press comment that the note was painful because it said the objects of the belligerents were virtually the same, was not unexpected here where attention already has been drawn to the fact that President Wilson specifically declared that the published views of the opposing statement left that impression.

It is stated officially that the president would not presume to say that the two groups were fighting for the same object, but merely that their official spokesmen had outlined much the same general program without going into the actual details, which he now seeks.

Several hundred telegrams congratulating President Wilson on his note to the belligerents arrived today at the White House. Virtually all of them construed the note as a move for peace. They came from individuals and organizations.

WILSON AS INTERLOCUTOR

EDINBURGH, Dec. 22.—President Wilson is declared to have placed himself in a position of an interlocutor on the side of Germany by the Scotsman which, in an editorial commenting on the president's note, says: "President Wilson has hitherto observed a discreet reticence which he maintained when the small nations he is now so concerned about were suffering unparalleled wrong. What motive can have prompted him to throw aside that peculiarly prudent reserve just at a moment when his action was most likely to be misunderstood? It is strange that no one among his counsellors had the wit to see that intervention at this juncture, immediately following the maneuvers of Berlin and before the entente powers had time to deal formally with that movement, runs the extreme risk of being misconstrued."

"His explanation on this point makes his action still more unimpeachable. If he brooded over this conception, so long in silence what reason can have impelled him to become suddenly communicative just at a moment when his perception of the proprieties makes him uneasy and distrustful. It is surprising that he feels embarrassed for he acted so that he became virtually an interlocutor on the side of Germany. Why did he not wait for the entente's reply to Germany? Why did he not step into the ring with proposals which, whatever his intentions must present themselves to the allies as directing the course which in his judgment they should take."

NO STATEMENT FROM ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The British government will make no statement at present in regard to President Wilson's peace note, considering it a question that can be dealt with only in communication with the other members of the entente. Announcement to this effect was made in the house of commons today by Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer and government leader in the house.

Mr. Law was asked whether a statement could be made regarding the American note. He replied: "It must be obvious to the house that this is a question that can only be dealt with in communication with our allies and that it is absolutely impossible to make a statement now."

CALLED "PEACE FEELER"

LONDON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson's note is given the honor of the biggest display in the morning papers, relegating the war news to a minor place. Headlines such as "President Wilson's peace essay," "President Wilson's peace feeler," "Amazing note," indicate in slight measure the astonishment caused by the communication.

Much speculation is indulged in as to the motives or causes which inspired the president to send such a note after his assumption of the attitude that he would not mediate unless invited by both groups of belligerents.

One section of the press, strictly rejecting any view of the possibility of peace negotiations as the outcome of the recent German note, flatly attributes the president's action to the success of propaganda conducted by Count von Bernstorff in America and what they describe as the masterly activity of the late British government. A more general impression is that the agitation in America for an embargo on food exports had much to do with Mr. Wilson's action. It is also suggested that the president may have received special information from the German government and is aware of the extent to which Germany is prepared to go toward "reparation, restitution and guarantees."

This is the view expressed by the Daily Chronicle. Some discussion also is devoted to the chances of temporary passing food export measures and possibly an embargo on cotton and war

materials.

The evening papers which do not print editorials, came out with big headlines which expressed their views.

The Evening News, which is the afternoon edition of the Daily Mail, heads a reprint of the comment of the morning papers with the one word "No" in large black type and under it "Our answer to President Wilson" and again "No, no, no. That is the answer Great Britain gives today without a moment's hesitation to the surprising note from President Wilson."

As for the general public, President Wilson's note was the one topic of conversation throughout the country. The people, like the press, had about arrived at the conclusion that Premier Lloyd George's speech had put an end to all peace talk unless the central powers in their reply to the premier were prepared to define their terms. That the president or any other neutral ruler would take any action was farthest from their mind.

The Evening Standard says: "Any communication from the head of a great and friendly power is always of courteous and respectful consideration but it would be only misleading the president to leave him under the impression that any move on his part toward peace at this stage of the war would be welcomed by Great Britain or her allies. It is singular, indeed, that statement of Mr. Wilson's necessity can labor under any such illusions. The whole facts of the situation should warn him that his intervention is not desired."

"He speaks of a league to ensure peace and justice. Such a league already exists. It consists of Great Britain, Russia, France, Italy and the smaller powers. All have had an uphill fight. They now see the road fairly clear before them. The enemy has given a shrill cry of distress. The next few months ought to complete his discomfiture."

"If the president could realize what these war-weary peoples feel he would surely not suggest that they should forego all their cherished hopes and trust their very existence once more to rotten parchment bonds."

BRYAN CONGRATULATES WILSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson yesterday received a telegram from former Secretary Bryan congratulating him on his note to the belligerents. It said:

"You have rendered an invaluable service to a war-torn world by asking the belligerent nations to set forth in specific terms the concessions and assurances which they deem necessary to the establishment of a lasting peace. It would be a reflection upon the nations at war to doubt that they know the ends for which they are fighting or to assume that they have any purposes which they are unwilling to reveal."

"A definite statement by both sides, no matter how far these statements may be apart, will clear the air and afford a basis for negotiations, and when negotiations begin they are not likely to terminate until an agreement is reached, because neither side will consent to assume responsibility for continuing the unspeakable horrors of this conflict, if any reasonable terms can be secured."

"Accept cordial congratulations and my earnest wish for the success of the movement which you have had the honor to inaugurate."

LANSING'S SECOND STATEMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Sec. Lansing late yesterday issued a statement amplifying and qualifying the one he made yesterday morning regarding the president's notes to the belligerents. He said, he feared some incorrect inferences were being drawn from his first utterance.

Sec. Lansing said his purpose in making the second statement was to make it clear beyond question that there was no change in the policy of neutrality of the United States. He also said his purpose in amplifying his statement was to make it plain that the notes to the belligerents should in no sense be construed as a threat to any of the governments. His statement follows: "I have learned from several quarters that a wrong impression was made by the statement which I made

this morning, and I wish to correct that impression."

"My intention was to suggest the very direct and necessary interest which this country as one of the neutral nations has in the possible terms which the belligerents may have in mind, and I did not intend to intimate that the government was considering any change in its policy of neutrality which it has constantly pursued in the face of constantly increasing difficulties."

"I regret that my words were open to any other construction, as I now realize that they were. I think that the whole tone and language of the note to the belligerents shows the purpose without further comment on my part. It is needless to say that I am unreservedly in support of that purpose and hope to see it accomplished."

SURPRISE TO BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Absolute and startling surprise was the first feeling in Great Britain aroused by President Wilson's note. The government was surprised, and frankly admitted so. The members of parliament were equally surprised when the news spread through both houses during the afternoon session.

The newspaper officers were surprised and undoubtedly the public will be equally surprised when they read Ambassador Page's statement to the foreign office in the morning papers. All information from America in the past few days, both in despatches from the usually best informed Washington correspondents and in advices to the banking and business firms, have said that the president had no intention of taking any steps toward peace or making any move in European affairs.

When he transmitted Germany's note to Great Britain without comment it was assumed that this action represented his general attitude toward the European situation.

Most of the newspapers commented upon this course with satisfaction. The tenor of their comments tomorrow will be that Premier Lloyd George's speech and the speeches of the Russian, French and Italian statesmen have affirmed the allies' position, and that unless the German government gives notice of the nature of the proposals which it would bring to a conference the allies cannot accept the invitation to sit around a European council table for a discussion of its terms.

While the replies of the various allied governments to Germany will be made simultaneously and probably before Christmas, as indicated last night, yet these replies will not be textually identical, and will not take the form of a joint note.

"The reason for this is that while all the entente allies are agreed on the general principles of the reply, each came into the war under different conditions, calling for a somewhat different statement."

For example, the defence of small nationalities was one of the main causes bringing England into the war. In defence of Belgium, whereas Belgium and Serbia did not enter for that reason, but because their territory was invaded.

Similar differences in the conditions exist as regards France, Rumania and other countries, so that, while all the replies will agree on the essential particulars of reparation and security, they will not be identical.

KAISER TO CALL GERARD

LONDON, Dec. 22 In Berlin diplomatic circles, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam, it is understood that the German emperor will at an early date summon to headquarters the American ambassador, James V. Gerard, with the view to discussing with him possible American mediation and action.



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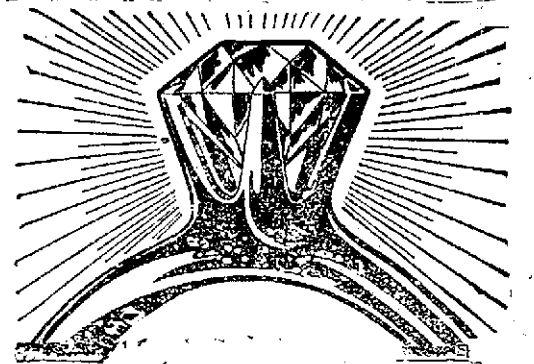
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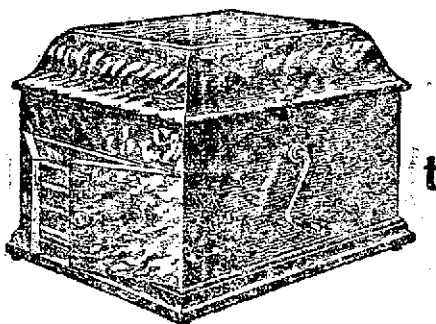
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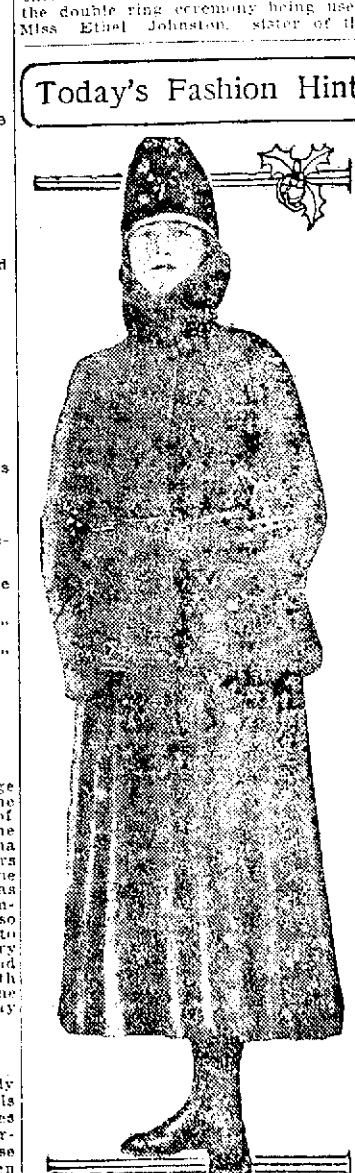
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CHAMP CLARK TO REMAIN SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Special to The Sun
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—If present congressional plans as revealed by inside confidential disclosures are true, the reorganization of the house at the beginning of the 65th congress will show a big change, not only in personnel but in matters of procedure and committees.

First: Hon. Champ Clark, democrat, will retain the speakership of the house, even though republicans have control by a very small margin.

Second: The republican membership on house committees will be increased on each important committee so as to leave the democratic majority not over one or two, instead of the large majority now existing.

Third: The power of naming committee appointments will be taken from the ways and means committee and restored to the speaker.

This arrangement would give the republicans much added power without forcing them to risk defeat by party splits and dissension, and there is strong reason to believe such a compromise may be agreed upon. It is a sort of "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush" plan for both the democrats and republicans.

The question most to be considered was: "Could the republicans, with a small majority as is probable, hold the men in unbroken line in voting for James R. Mann, who is the logical candidate for speaker, and having elected him could they hold their men in line for party vote necessary to successfully control the house?"

If not, then they regard it as far better to use their small majority to hold in check of defeat objectionable measures rather than attempt to blaze a trail without a hatchet. Mr. Mann is recognized as a capable, forceful and vigorous leader, but the democrats are already in power and fully organized. They will vote as a unit for Speaker Clark, while any new man—no matter how splendidly qualified for the office—must bear the brunt of rivalry and dissension in his own party ranks.

Moreover, Mr. Clark would be a leader whose uprightness and loyalty is beyond question. If the republican majority were a safe one, undoubtedly there would be a united party vote for speaker, but with the slender thread on which each great party must hang its faith for leadership, the chances are in favor of the adoption of a safety first policy, which will give the speakership to Mr. Clark, coupled with increased committee power for the republicans.

A few years ago the power of naming committee chairman—which in the national house is a very great power—was taken from the speakership and turned over to the house committee on ways and means. Perhaps there was bossism in the old days, but it was by no means stamped out by the new method. It merely changed the bossism into the hands of the big southern majority on the ways and means committee, instead of leaving it in the hands of the speaker. The committees now have a democratic majority from three to five on each important committee, so the minority views meet no recognition. It is proposed as a part of the compromise arrangement to lessen this majority by bringing it down to one or two, either by dropping of democrats or increasing the size of the committees. This would give the republicans a chance to be heard on big matters of specific interest to their constituents, instead of being crowded to the wall as is now the case. It is believed by party leaders, that by these three great natural concessions the republicans would win a stronger foothold than by pressing their claims as a small majority, while the democrats would gain prestige by keeping in power through another session the speaker and coveted chairmanships. With a democratic president, a democratic senate and only a majority of one or two in the house, the road to republican success in the house would be uncertain and stormy, but as a hunter against rallooding through objectionable measures, that slender majority is likely to be a power, if a factional split for speaker, committee chairmanships and the like can be avoided, as would be done if the democrats are left in nominal control.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The federal reserve bank of Boston today announced an initial dividend at the rate of 6 per cent payable Jan. 2 to stock of record Dec. 30, 1916. The dividend will be participated in by 399 national banks and one trust company in New England.

GERMAN SUBMARINE U-45 SUNK BY DESTROYER

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The German submarine U-45 has been sunk by destroyers, according to a Nantes despatch. The U-45 recently sank steamers off Saint Nazaire.

INCREASE THE PRICE OF DAILY NEWSPAPERS

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 22.—All the daily newspapers in Altoona announced today that beginning Jan. 1, the price will be two cents a copy instead of one cent as at present.

A MAN'S HOME IS HIS CASTLE

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 22.—Upholding the contention that "a man's home is his castle and he has a right to defend it," which Judge John L. McCall emphasized in his charge, a jury in federal court here yesterday awarded Matthew Harris \$22,500, compensatory and \$20,000 punitive damages in his suit against John A. Riechman, former sheriff of Shelby county, and members of the sheriff's posse.

Harris, who sued for \$100,000, was seriously injured when his home was dynamited in an attempt to dislodge him after he had fired on the posse which was searching for one of his relatives. Harris testified that he was not aware of the identity of the men when he resisted their efforts to search his home.

Riechman was exempted from the verdict for punitive damages, as it was shown that he was not actually a member of the posse.

TAX ON THEATRE TICKETS

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The chamber of deputies has approved a batch of new taxes, among them a graduated tax on theatre and vaudeville tickets. Moving picture establishments must pay 5 per cent on monthly receipts under 25,000 francs, 10 per cent from 25,000 to 50,000 francs, 20 per cent from 50,000 to 100,000 francs, and 25 per cent on receipts in excess of that.

Forty francs per hundred tickets is imposed on reduced seats. The price of tobacco is also raised as well as the rates on letters and postal card postage, telegrams, telephone calls and money orders.

DIED SUDDENLY

Ormel H. Foster Dropped Dead at the Home of C. M. Allen in South Chelmsford

Ormel H. Foster, a well known resident of South Chelmsford, died suddenly last evening at the home of C. M. Allen on Maple road, South Chelmsford, death being due to heart disease.

Mr. Foster complained during the day of not feeling well, but at that time it was not thought that his condition was serious. In the evening he partook of luncheon and at 8:30 o'clock or shortly after his head dropped to the floor, and when picked up it was found that he had passed away.

Deceased was 66 years of age and is survived by a half sister, Mrs. Ella Atkins of this city, four sons and two daughters.

CONCORD CARMEN RAISED

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 22.—As a result of conferences between a committee of the local street, railway and main union and officials of the Boston & Maine railroad, the concordermen have agreed on a new scale. The scale now ranges from 25¢ to 29¢ cents, instead of 22 to 25 cents an hour, as formerly.

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